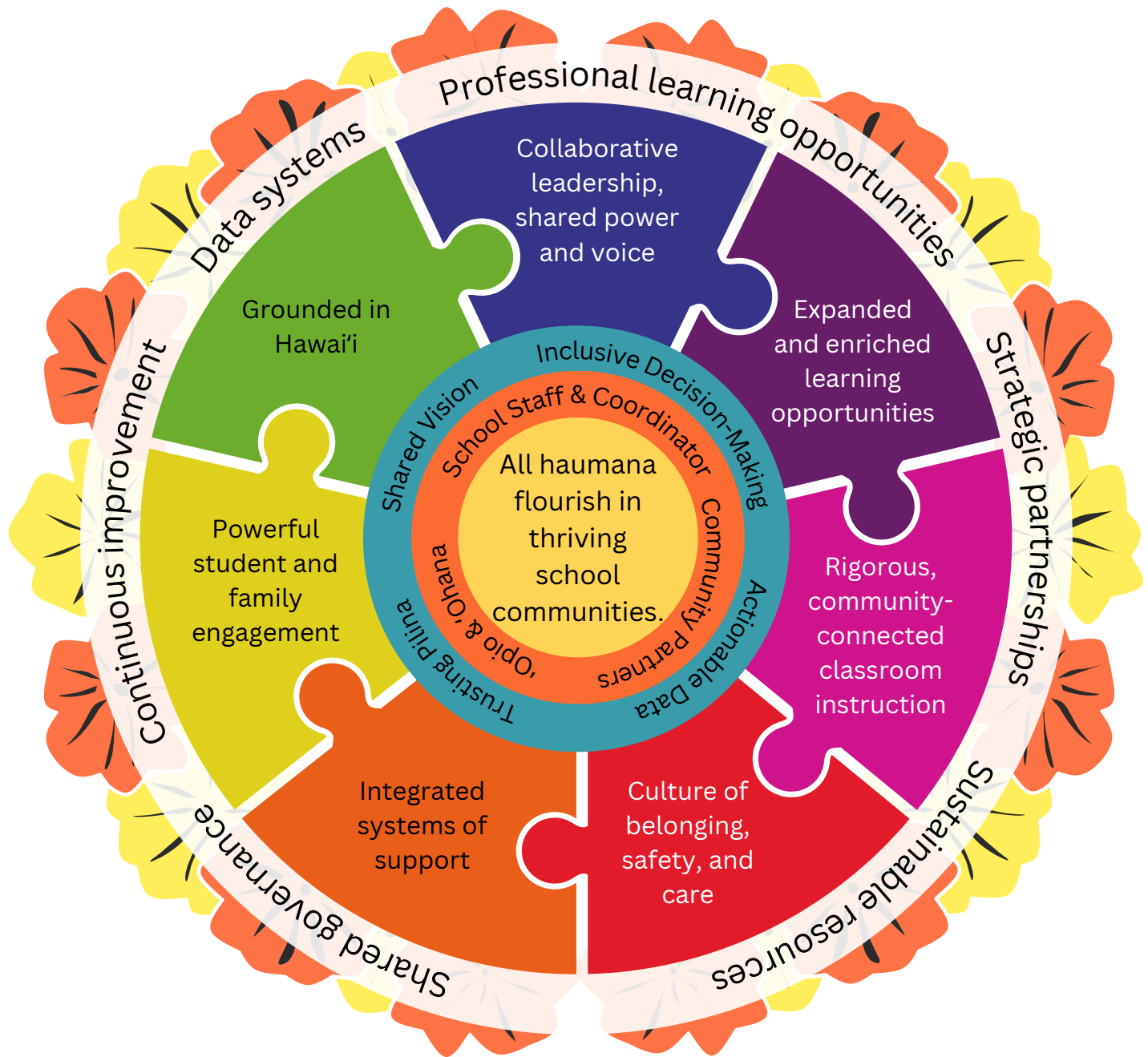


# Hawai'i Community Schools Framework



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# Community Schools Key Practices

In Hawai'i, community schools are innovative, thriving hubs of learning in which partnerships and collaboration create a'o mai, a'o aku, reciprocal relationships between learners and place, content and context, and schools and communities.

Facilitated by the Community School Coordinator, the Community School Hui is a leadership team of school leaders, teachers, community partners, families, and youth. Together they co-create their school's community school action plan and co-design the innovative solutions to lead to better student and family outcomes. These solutions fall under one or more of our **7 key practices** in community schools.

**Expanded, enriched learning opportunities** - Afterschool, summer programs, extracurricular activities, additional opportunities for learning and enrichment outside the school day.

E.g., Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers, PALS and Places, UPLINK, student internship opportunities

**Rigorous, community-connected classroom instruction** - Connecting class to the local community, students' identities, cultures.

E.g., Partnership with Pacific American Foundation to bring students to Waikalua Loko I'a during school, MA'O Farms field trips, career exploration with local businesses

**Culture of belonging, safety, and care** - School climate, students feel connected, etc.

E.g., Sign waving to welcome students on campus, student voice and representation in meetings, art murals on campus made by students

**Powerful family and student engagement** - Families and students are partners; providing opportunities/resources to families.

E.g., Home visits to talk to families about importance of attendance, Family Resource Centers, Parent-Teacher Organization, adult education opportunities and workshops

**Integrated systems of support** - Wrap-around services, addressing basic needs of students and families.

E.g., Food pantry, Hawai'i Keiki nurse, day care in school

**Collaborative leadership, shared voice and power** - Community School Hui, School Community Council, other groups that facilitate collaborative leadership.

E.g., Community School Hui merged with School Community Council

**Grounded in Hawai'i** - Nā Hopena A'o, 'āina-based learning opportunities.

E.g., Partnership with Ka'ala Farms, kupuna who can teach poi pounding, kapa making, lei classes

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