



# Na Hopena A'o Framework

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## Belonging:

Feeling like you are part of a group while knowing you are special for who you are. Your uniqueness and individuality is what makes you a special and important part of the school. It is important for you to feel a sense of Belonging in order to be truly who you are and who you want to be.

## Objective:

With a foundation in Hawaiian values, language, culture and history, HĀ reflects the uniqueness of Hawaii and is meaningful in all places of learning. HĀ supports a holistic learning process with universal appeal and application to guide learners and leaders in the entire school community.

## Materials:

Paper, markers, white board, poster board.

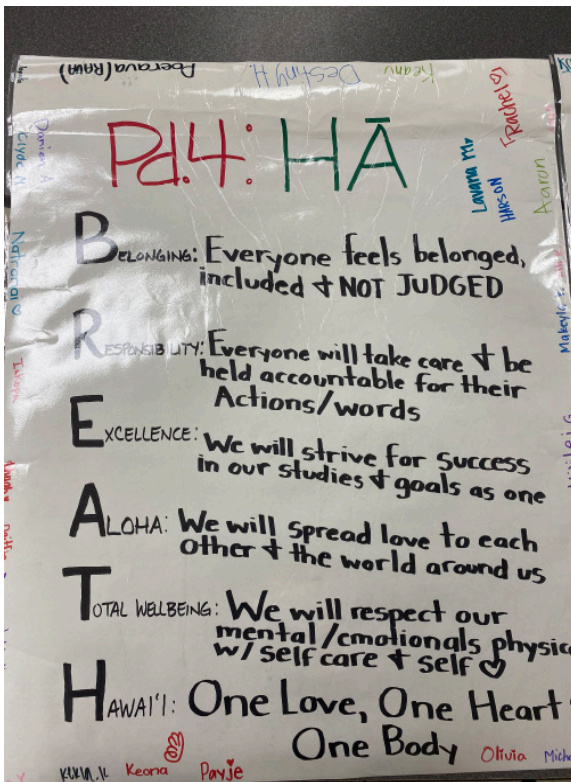
## Steps:

- With your students, watch a video on HĀ: BREATH (<https://vimeo.com/219016009>).
- Ask each student for one word that represents or strengthens HĀ for them. Create an account at Poll Everywhere (<https://pollev.com/signup>) or create a Wordle with the responses.



- Ask students to get into small groups, and give each group a large sheet of paper and markers, or a white board. Have students write two headers on the paper: "What it is..." and "What it isn't...". Then ask them to discuss adjectives to describe each component: Belonging, Responsibility, Excellence, Aloha, Total Wellbeing, Hawai'i, as well as adjectives that do not describe each component.

	WHAT IT IS	WHAT IT ISN'T
BELONGING		
RESPONSIBILITY		
EXCELLENCE		
ALOHA		
TOTAL WELLBEING		
HAWAI'I		



- Using poster board, ask students to create their own statement for each component for their group as a whole. Then have each student sign their name on the board.

**Extended Learning:**

Visit the following websites for more information:

Overview of the HĀ Framework

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/DOE%20Forms/NaHopenaAoE3.pdf>

More information about the Ha Framework

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/StudentLearning/HawaiianEducation/Pages/HA.aspx>

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End goals, the result of an action

*A'o*

Learning and teaching