

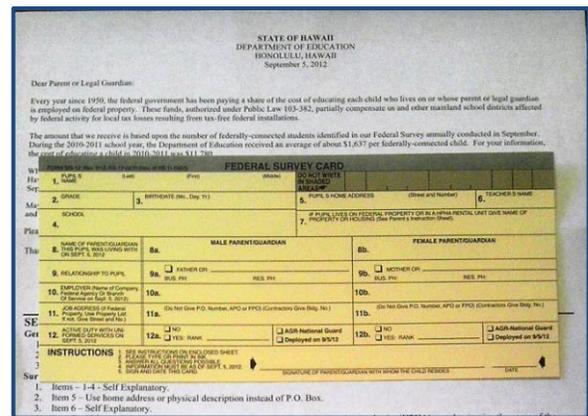
Federal Impact Aid

The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Defense provide funding called **Impact Aid** to school districts that have high enrollments of federally connected students, such as children of military parents, or are located on or near federally owned land. Impact Aid was designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children.

The Impact Aid law provides assistance to local school districts with concentrations of children residing on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, or other Federal properties and, to a lesser extent, concentrations of children who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties who do not live on Federal property.

HOW DOES MY CHILD'S SCHOOL RECEIVE IMPACT AID?

The amount of Impact Aid funds a particular school receives is determined by the number of federally connected children that are enrolled. Schools in Hawaii utilize **Federal Survey Cards** to count the number of military students enrolled in their school. The cards are sent home with students in early September annually. The information is confidential and available to school and Federal officials. **Only by counting the completed and returned Federal Survey Cards can a school guarantee that it receives the maximum amount of Impact Aid.**



The image shows a 2012 Hawaii State Federal Survey Card form. At the top, it is titled 'STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HONOLULU, HAWAII' with the date 'September 5, 2012'. Below the title, it says 'Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:'. The main body of the form is a grid with various sections for data entry, including fields for student name, grade, school, parent/guardian information, and military status. The form is titled 'FEDERAL SURVEY CARD' in the center. At the bottom, there are instructions for how to fill out the card.

2012 Hawaii State Federal Survey Card

HOW DOES MY CHILD'S SCHOOL USE IMPACT AID?

School districts use Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and teacher aides; purchasing textbooks, computers, and other equipment; after-school programs and remedial tutoring; advanced placement classes; and special enrichment programs.

For more information about ED Impact Aid, eligibility requirements, application processes and agency contact information, visit

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/index.html>.