

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (10/04/2024)

KALANI High School

WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Friday, October 18 | Free Sports Physicals @ Athletic Training Room 2:00 – 5:00 |
| 2) Tuesday, November 5 | Election Day |
| 3) Monday, November 11 | Holiday : Veterans’ Day |
| 4) Thursday, November 21 | Coast Guard Ceremony |
| 5) Friday, November 22 | Kalani Falcon Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament |
| 6) Thursday, November 28 | Holiday : Thanksgiving |
| 7) Friday, November 29 | No School : Day after Thanksgiving |
| 8) Monday, December 9 | Blood Drive (tentative) |
| 9) Wednesday, December 25 | Christmas |
| 10) Wednesday, January 1 | New Year’s Day |
| 11) Monday, January 6 | Teacher Workday : No students |
| 12) Wednesday, January 15 | PC Day : No students |
| 13) Monday, January 20 | Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 14) Monday, February 17 | Holiday : Presidents’ Day |
| 15) Tuesday, February 25 | ACT / Pre-ACT Testing (Grades 9-11) / Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory) |
| 16) Wednesday, March 26 | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day |
| 17) Friday, April 18 | Holiday : Good Friday |
| 18) Monday, May 26 | Holiday : Memorial Day |
| 19) Tuesday, May 27 | Tentative : Graduation |
| 20) Friday, May 30 | Last Day for students |

October 7 – 11 : Fall Break

December 23 – January 6 : Winter Break

March 17 – 21 Spring Break

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Vision: Character. Compassion. Community.

Mission : We at Kalani High School create opportunities to discover our passions, purpose, and personal pursuits.

A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.

Ne'epapa: Stronger Together

Kindness 101 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MPVjhw2yDM>

Congratulations

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is proud to announce that

Kalani High School has been recognized as a Hawai'i School of Democracy.

The Hawai'i Schools of Democracy initiative recognizes high schools that demonstrate a commitment to diverse learning opportunities and fostering an organizational culture that emphasizes identity, student agency and culturally relevant experiences. The program celebrates institutions like Kalani High that go above and beyond to shape the next generation of informed and engaged citizens.

I am delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to you and the entire Kalani High School community on a momentous achievement. On behalf of the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department), I am pleased to inform you that Kalani High School has been awarded the prestigious distinction of a "Hawaii School of Democracy." The honor of being named a "Hawaii School of Democracy" is not bestowed lightly. A panel of six independent reviewers examined Kalani High School's application, and I am pleased to share that they unanimously agreed on the decision. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional efforts and dedication you and your team put forth in promoting democracy and civic engagement and fostering an environment of inclusivity and active participation among students.

..... Assistant Superintendent Teri Ushijima, Ed.D.

Congratulations

Boys Soft-Tennis : Eastern Division and OIA Champions
Girls Soft-Tennis : Eastern Division Champion
Boys Air Riflery : Eastern Division Champion
Girls Air Riflery : Eastern Division Runner-up

Congratulations

Kalani High School Homecoming Court

King - Kody Hayashi Queen - ZephyrLynne Bird

Class of 2025 Representatives
Emma Aquino Xander Okata

Class of 2026 Representatives
Ryder Goto Mira Lum

Class of 2027 Representatives
Jasper Won Jordynn Wong

Class of 2028 Representatives
Tyson Miranda Angela Park

Marching Band Performances

Oct. 19 - 6:00pm Moanalua Menehune Classic @ Moanalua High School
Oct. 26 - 12:00pm Kapolei Marching Band Festival @ Kapolei High School
Nov. 2 - 5:30pm Kamehameha Tournament of Bands @ Kamehameha
Nov. 4 - 6:00pm Oahu Marching Band Festival @ Pearl City High School
Nov. 9 - 5:30pm Mililani Bandfest @ Mililani High School
Nov. 11 - 10:00am Rainbow Marching Band Festival @ TC Ching Field, UH-Manoa
Nov. 29 - 7:00pm Waikiki Holiday Parade

Lottery for Geographic Exemptions for School Year 2025 – 2026

**From January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025, Kalani High School
will accept Geographic Exception (GE) applications for next school year (SY 2025-26).
Please mail completed applications with a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to:**

Kalani High School
4680 Kalanianaʻole Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

Applications received after the March 1, 2025 deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

School Community Council Members

Please email Principal Mitchell Otani if you are interested in serving on Kalani's School Community Council.
mitchell.otani@k12.hi.us

Senior Portraits

Prestige Portraits is offering a last chance to take senior portraits for inclusion in our yearbook through a mobile studio which will be on Kalani's campus on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 (DURING FALL BREAK WEEK).

Appointments can be made using the link below:

<https://schedule.prestigeportraits.com/schedule/home.html>

- Students will need to enter their legal name given to us from you folks in order to set up an appointment.
 - Session fees will still be \$40 and can be prepaid online or paid at check in.
 - Students will only photograph in two outfits in order to stay within the 30-minute time frame.

As a reminder, senior portraits are optional (however, they are the only portraits of seniors in our yearbook).

MahaloMr. Toby Kawamura - Kalani High School Yearbook Advisor

STUDENT SECTION

Clubs

Korean Club (Dr. Kim) new

The purpose of this Korean Club is to explore the rich and vibrant culture of Korea. The goal is to revitalize and maintain a student led club that allows participating students to immerse themselves in various Korean cultural activities. This club would give the students the opportunity to create meaningful projects that are not only fun but also enriching to the students as they learn of the impacts of Korean culture in their own communities such as Korean cuisine and pop culture media like K-pop and K-drama.

LEO Club – connected with Lions Club (Ms. Uemura / Mr. Lee)

Kalani LEO Club promotes service activities among the youth at Kalani High School and the community, which helps to develop the individual qualities of Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. Also to unite its members in friendship, fellowship, and mutual understanding.

Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (Mr. Iwanaga)

Are you ready to make a difference in your school and community? Interested in growing as a leader?

The Center for Tomorrow's Leaders is a local non-profit organization with a mission to engage, equip, and empower young leaders for Hawai'i. Join the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders class at Kalani High School! Each class provides hands-on opportunities for you to develop your leadership potential and make new friends. Blending local culture through a sense of place, each lesson is designed to build confidence and character and practice project management, public speaking, and communication skills. As part of the class, you will also design and implement leadership projects in small teams that make an impact in your school. If you are interested, please email scott.iwanaga@k12.hi.us

Future Farmers of America (Ms. Doran)

All students in the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) pathway are encouraged to join FFA. FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Currently known as the National FFA Organization, FFA is the largest student-led organization in the country, with over a million members across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. FFA is for students who want to engage in agriculture and aspire to be farmers, teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet new and continuing challenges by helping its members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. Our motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve," and our members rise to the challenge of service, embracing individuals from all walks of life, united through FFA. Kalani FFA chapter dues are \$15 per student. Please see Ms. Doran in J4 for the meeting schedule.

Ceramics Club (Ms. Berenzi)

The club is for all ceramicist levels including beginners. There is a small \$7 fee so we can buy clay. We are planning to meet Fridays. We hope to create a club that is welcoming and fun. We want those who are interested in ceramics to have a space to create and explore on a deeper level within a community that has the same interest. Some goals of the club include experimenting with different projects, selling ceramics and donating money to various charities in our community; going on field trip; and most of all building a welcoming art community for our students and staff.

Robotics (Mr. Silver)

Club Fees are \$40 to cover t-shirt cost.

We offer 4 programs

VEX runs from August 1st to February 20th. Meets M-W-F 215 to 5

FTC runs from September 1 to Dec 9th Meets M-W-F

Drones and fix wing programs runs from Aug. 1st to Jan. 31st Fix Wing runs year-round Meets Monday through Friday
FRC (big bots) January 5th to April 30th Training night available starting in Oct 1 night 3-7 every other week.

Meets Monday through Friday 3-7pm

Please Contact Bryan Silver Lead coordinator for robotics programs at Bryan.Silver@k12.hi.us

Smash Ultimate Club (Mr. Nakano)

We mainly play the video game Super Smash Bros Ultimate. New players and experienced veterans are welcome. We meet during lunch and after school everyday except Wed in E-16. This year we plan on attending more e-sports tournaments.

DECA (Ms. Potterton)

All students in the business pathway are encouraged to join DECA. DECA, formerly known as Distributive Education Clubs of America, is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management through a variety of activities, projects, and competitions. These experiences allow members to apply their business knowledge in real-life situations, benefiting them in college, their careers, and beyond. Additionally, DECA instills a sense of professional responsibility and community-mindedness. For more information, visit deca.org or follow @DECAInc on Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Vimeo.

HAAEA - Hawaii's Aspiring Aerospace Engineers Academy (Ms. Sato)

Under the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Department of Mechanical Engineering, Hawai'i's Aspiring Aerospace Engineers Academy (HAAEA) is designed to inspire, educate, and train students through hands-on classes, innovative projects, and direct interactions with NASA experts and other STEM professionals. It's more than just a program—it's a pathway from high school to college and ultimately to fulfilling careers in aerospace STEM fields.

Laulea Club (Ms. Yagi)

Laulea Club is an inclusive, school-based club that organizes activities and events to create connections between students. Students with varying abilities have the opportunity to participate together in social and recreational activities. Laulea provides opportunities to build student character, increase acceptance, and develop leadership and other skills in an inclusive setting.

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Model United Nations (Mr. Melemai)

Model United Nations (MUN) is an educational simulation where students role-play as delegates representing different countries in simulated UN committees. Participants debate global issues, negotiate with allies and adversaries, draft resolutions, and work towards a consensus on pressing international problems. School MUN programs foster critical thinking, public speaking, and diplomacy skills, allowing students to engage deeply with global affairs and develop a better understanding of international relations. These simulations provide a platform for students to experience the complexities of global diplomacy and the importance of collaboration.

Health and Fitness (Mr. Melemai)

The Health and Fitness is a club dedicated to helping individuals improve their overall health through exercise, nutrition, and recovery. The club is open to all grades/students who are looking to pursue fitness goals while simultaneously meeting others who share similar interests. During clubtime, members will meet their fellow club members to share their progress and learn about training, diet, etc. Club times may include lessons about nutrition, training principles, recovery, and more. Most importantly, the Health and Fitness will help guide beginners by teaching them about the human body and help them develop programs specific to their goals, along with connecting them to like-minded people.

Core Club (Ms. Kaaua)

CORE club meets on Wednesdays during lunch in the chorus room (K-16). Our purpose is to help discover the core of who you are. To reach every student at Kalani, discuss everyday problems in teenagers' life and ways to cope and help come up with better solutions. To go to students where they are, and to reach the lonely, the rejected, the desperate. To make disciples and to empower and equip students leaders to reach their peers. The desire is to give hope – a place to call home and a reason to keep going, to see the transformation of students, our school, and community, and to create a movement that changes culture. We hope to enrich the culture that we have at Kalani and the community.

Oahu Math League (Dr. Ida)

The Kalani Oahu Mathematics League Team welcomes all students interested in solving challenging math problems and puzzles in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship. Hone your skills in friendly competition against students from public and private schools across the state. For more information please see Dr. Ida in E-15.

Computer Club (Dr. Ida)

Whether you're a seasoned coder or new to programming, the Kalani Computer Science Club invites all students with an interest in the fascinating world of computer science to join us. Enter competitions and hackathons, and learn how to code everything from mobile apps to games. Please see Dr. Ida in E-15 for more information.

National Honor Society (Dr. Ida)

All sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 are invited to join the Kalani chapter of the National Honor Society. We're a national organization dedicated to recognizing academic excellence and developing leadership through school and community service. Further details can be found in the email message you should have received from us. Please see Dr. Ida in E-15 with any additional questions.

Japan Club (Ms. Klein)

こんにちは and aloha parents and students, we are the Japan Club. Japan Club focuses on Japanese culture through various inner club and outer club interactions. In recent years we have focused more on hands-on experiences such as crafts like E-tegami postcards, origami, games, and cooking activities. However, members may do presentations about current events in Japan and the overall culture. We are a very flexible club and we value what our members enjoy, so if they have any preferences on what to do this year our officers would be happy to work something out! Japan Club meetings are every Monday, besides breaks and days off, from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm in room C-23. You do not have to speak Japanese or know anything about Japan, we just ask for your interest and participation.

Anime Club (Daphne Miyashiro)

Anime Club is a social club that allows students to interact over a common interest for anime. We welcome all students interested in anime or want to learn more about it to join. The club meets every Friday in C23 from 2:15-3:00 PM. During club meetings, students can expect to interact with other members by watching anime, drawing anime, and playing many games about anime. Throughout the school year, Anime Club hosts fundraisers in order for us to attend Kawaii Kon in the spring.

Chinese Club (Ms. Young Chan)

The Chinese Club is open to all students regardless of their academic and personal background. Join us to share in language and cultural activities. The first meeting will be on September 4, 2024 during lunch in room C16.

Science Club (Ms. Hamasaki / Mr. Okawa)

Join Science club for an exciting opportunity for students to engage with science! Science club provides individuals the chance to learn about different scientific categories and participate in various competitions. The google classroom code is JCPLK7L and any student is welcome to join!

Federal Impact Aid Survey

The Hawaii DOE Federal Impact Aid Survey began on September 4.

We kindly ask all parents to complete the survey promptly and have your child return it to their period 3 teacher as soon as possible.

All students and schools benefit from Impact Aid. Mahalo for completing the survey!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Lisa Hayashi College and Career Counselor lisa.hayashi@k12.hi.us 808-305-0556

SCHEDULE A MEETING (Students only)

Visit our Kalani HS College & Career Site

Check our website for more information – <https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career>

Ongoing events:

Many colleges visit Kalani High School to share more information about their school. Please visit our ongoing calendar of visits. These visits are open to Kalani students only.

<https://sites.google.com/k12.hi.us/kalanicounselorscorner/college-and-career/college-visits-presentations-meetings-slides?authuser=0>

Upcoming events:

Financial Aid Virtual Workshops - sponsored by Hawaii P20

Who: open to the general public geared for seniors and their families

When: Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm starting August 21

Register here: <https://collegeiswithinreachhawaii.com/upcoming-events/>

"Class of 2025 Parents.....if you are interested in being on the committee and helping to plan Project Graduation 2025 for your seniors, please email kalanipg2024@gmail.com, thank you!"

Online Dual Credit Information

Dual Credit is a program where a student can take college courses from our college partners and use the earned college credit to also satisfy high school graduation credit requirements.

Email mike.zane@k12.hi.us for more information

Sister School Partnerships – International Travel

Busan Computer Science High School – Korea

Hosted in January 2024 – **Visited Korea July 14-21 2024**

Koyo Senior High School – Hiroshima

Hosted in August 2024– Travel to Hiroshima in January 2025

Obihiro Hakuyo High School – Hokkaido

Host in March 2025 – Travel to Hokkaido in July 2025

Iwakuni High School – Yamaguchi Prefecture

Host in January 2025 – Travel in March 2025

Japan Super Science Fair – Ritsumeikan High School

Hosted in March 2024 – Will travel to Kyoto in Nov. 2024

Osaka Gakuin University / High School

Will host in September 2025

Chengdu Debate Competition – Travel to China in November

Jeju International Youth Forum – Travel to Korea in November

Chengdu Debate Challenge

Latasha Hui and Chloe Ho will be representing Kalani High School and Honolulu in the Chengdu Debate Challenge.

The China (Chengdu) U.S. Sister Cities Youth Debate Challenge was launched in 2016 in an effort to enhance the friendship and partnership between Chengdu and its U.S. sister cities (Honolulu).Chaperone : Mr. Erickson

Jeju International Youth Forum

Kalani has once again been selected to participate in Jeju International Youth Forum to be held from October 29 to November 2, 2024. The forum introduces a variety of topics that allow for student leaders from all over the world to discuss solutions and ways to improve their respective countries. Students problem solve solutions to real-life problems.

Chaperone : Mr. Melemai

Students : Mason Nagata – Skyler Rivera – Caylie Xu – Luna Kodama

ATHLETICS

Athletics Gender Equity Complaint Reporting

<https://bit.ly/complaintreporting>

Free Sports Physicals

Hawaii Keiki: Healthy & Ready to Learn

October 18 at Kalani High School Athletic Training Room

2:00 -5:00 PM

Ali Spiker, BSN, RN, CPN, NCSN (Kalani Complex RN)

Football

Kalani 14 – Kalaheo 72

Kalani 44 – McKinley 24

Kalani 7 – Kaiser 49

October 5 vs. Castle @ Kaiser Homecoming 6:00pm

October 12 vs. Waialua @ Kaiser 6:00pm

October 18 @ Roosevelt 7:00pm

October 26 vs. Kaimuki @ Kaiser 6:00pm

Crosscountry

October 5 Eastern Division @ Waialua
October 12 bye
October 19 OIA JV @ CORP
October 26 OIA Varsity @ CORP
November 2 HHSAA @ TBD (Maui)

Air Riflery

Boys : Kalani 1976 Castle 1384
High Score - Owen Noguchi: 501
Boys : Kalani 2063 Kalaheo 1464
High Score - Aidan Gia-Diep: 524
Boys : Kalani 2014 Kaiser 2001
High Score - Anson Li: 518
Boys : Kalani 2026 Roosevelt 1757
High Score - Kody Hayashi : 22
Boys : Kalani 2032 Kailua 2002
High Score - Owen Noguchi 514
Boys : Kalani 2074 Kaimuki 796
High Score - Kody Hayashi 521
Boys : Kalani 2082 Moanalua 2059
High Score - Anson Li 533

October 5 vs. Kahuku

October 12 OIA @ Leilehua

November 6 HHSAA @ NBC

Girls : Kalani 1980 Castle 909
High Score - Kalea Santos: 511
Girls : Kalani 2014 Kalaheo 1475
High Score - Kalea Santos: 511
Girls : Kalani 1992 Kaiser 1874
High Score - Katherine Tsuzaki: 515
Girls : Kalani 2040 Roosevelt 1913
High Score - Keira Lam : 533
Girls : Kalani 2043 Kailua 2032
High Score - Cindy Chong 513
Girls : Kalani 2054 Kaimuki 1365
High Score - Kalea Santos 525
Girls : Kalani 2046 Moanalua 2132
High Score - Cindy Chong 525

Bowling

Week 1 : Boys : 2158 Season : 2158
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 163
Week 2 : Boys : 1968 Season : 4126
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 156
Week 3 : Boys : 2305 Season : 6431 (3rd)
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 157 (9th)
Week 4 : Boys : 2060 Season : 8491 (3rd)
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 155 (9th)
Week 5 : Boys : 2409 Season : 10900 (3rd)
High Avg. Dyson Murakami 154 (8th)

October 10 @ K-Bay

October 24 @ K-Bay

October 30 OIA@ K-Bay

Girls : 1715 Season : 1715
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 148 (3rd)
Girls : 2028 Season : 3743 (1st Place)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 144 (2nd)
Girls : 1806 Season : 5549 (1st)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 148 (2nd)
Girls : 1885 Season : 7434 (1st)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 144 (2nd)
Girls : 2069 Season : 9503 (1st)
High Avg. Ashlyn Sera 146 (3rd)

October 17 @ K-Bay

November 7-8 HHSAA @ Schofield Bowling Center

Cheer

October 5 Preseason @ Farrington
October 19 Eastern Division @ Radford
November 2 OIA @ Radford

November 13 HHSAA @ NBC

Soft-Tennis

October 5 OIA East Individual

October 12 OIA Individual

Volleyball

Kalani 3 - Kailua 0
Kalani 3 - Roosevelt 2
Kalani 1 - Kalaheo 3
Kalani 3 - Kaiser 1
October 7 @ Kaimuki
October 14-23 OIA

Kalani 0 - Moanalua 3
Kalani 3 - McKinley 0
Kalani 3 - Farrington 2
Kalani 0 - Kahuku 3
October 9 vs. Castle
Oct 28 - Nov 2 HHSAA

Softball (JV)

Kalani 2 – Kaiser 13

Kalani – Roosevelt win by forfeit

Kalani 1 - Moanalua 18

September 28 vs. Kaimuki

October 5 vs. Castle

October 15/16 OIA Playoffs

Kalani – Kaimuki win by forfeit

Kalani 21 – Castle 6

Kalani 0 – Kaiser 16

October 2 @ Roosevelt

October 9 @ Moanalua

ASET FEE \$80.00

Once your child has been selected to a team, parents will receive an email asking you to log into your child's account to pay the \$80.00 Athletic Supply Equipment & Transportation (ASET) fee. The amount of money allocated by the DOE for Athletic Transportation is much less than is needed considering the current cost of buses. This fee (pays for buses and other transportation costs) is charged once per school year regardless of the number of teams your child gets selected for. A \$3.00 convenience fee is applied to online payments.

SPORTS OFFERINGS 2024-25

JV = junior varsity, V = Varsity, B = Boys, G = Girls

WINTER

Boys BASEBALL (JV)

B/G BASKETBALL (JV/V)

B/G PADDLING (JV/V/COED)

B/G SOCCER (JV/V)

B/G SWIMMING & DIVING (JV/V)

Girls TENNIS (JV)

B/G WRESTLING (JV/V)

SPRING

BASEBALL (V)

B/G GOLF (V)

B/G JUDO (JV/V)

G SOFTBALL (V)

B/G TENNIS (V)

Boys VOLLEYBALL (JV/V)

Girls WATER POLO (V)

Department of Education requirements for athletic participation:

- Current Department of Education Athletic Physical
- Department of Education Consent and Assumption of Risk form per sport. (1 sport per form)
- Concussion Management Student Consent
- Need a physical? We encourage you to take your child to their regular doctor. Those who want a physical quicker please contact your nearby Urgent Care facility to inquire about walk-in physical appointments. (Fee may be charged). Don't forget to download and take the physical form with you.

Kalani High School requirements for athletic participation:

- Completion and submission of Athletic Registration (New to Kalani? Create a new account and remember your password. Returnees log in with their password.
- Sign up and try out for a team.
- Once selected to a team, student-athlete will pay the \$80.00 ASET Fee

Grade Check Dates

Friday, October 4, 2024 End of 1st Quarter

Friday, October 25, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Monday, November 25, 2024

Monday, December 9, 2024

Friday, December 20, 2024 End of 2nd Quarter

Friday, January 17, 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025

Friday, March 14, 2025 End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 4, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, May 19, 2025 End of 4th Quarter

Continuous Notice

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Civil Rights Compliance Branch
Hawaii State Department of Education
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
(808) 586-3322 or relay
CRCB@k12.hi.us

Beth Schimmelfinnig, Director
Rhonda Wong, Compliance
Aaron Oandasan, Title VI
Toby Yamashiro, Title VII
Nicole Isa-Iijima, Title IX
Krysti Sukita, ADA/504

Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Statement

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. This requirement extends to all of the Department's programs and activities, including employment and admissions as applicable. If you have difficulty understanding English, you have the right to receive language assistance at no cost to you. Please contact your school's principal for more information. For the Department high schools that offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study in arts and communications, business, health services, industrial and engineering technology, natural resources, and public and human services, there are no admission criteria. Department high schools will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in CTE programs and will provide equal access to designated youth groups. The Department does not tolerate acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Any student who believes that he or she has been subjected to harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion is encouraged to report such harassment. Students and parents may report allegations of discrimination or harassment to the school's administrator or to the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Branch at the address listed below. The Department is committed to conducting prompt investigations. Support, including counseling and educational resources, will be available to students who are harassed as well as to students found to have engaged in acts of harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. Students found to have engaged in harassment may be disciplined up to and including suspension if circumstances warrant. Students, parents, and Department staff should work together to prevent harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion. The Department will not tolerate retaliation for reporting discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, and religion, and will take steps to protect those who wish to report the discrimination or harassment. Please direct inquiries regarding Department nondiscrimination policies to:

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