

TO: KHS Parents & Ohana, Guardians, Friends (08/30/2024)

# KALANI High School

## WEEKLY E-BULLETIN

### IMPORTANT DATES...

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| 1) Monday, September 2          | Holiday : Labor Day                     |
| 2) Tuesday, November 5          | Election Day                            |
| 3) Monday, November 11          | Holiday : Veterans' Day                 |
| 4) Thursday, November 28        | Holiday : Thanksgiving                  |
| 5) Friday, November 29          | No School : Day after Thanksgiving      |
| 6) Wednesday, December 25       | Christmas                               |
| 7) Wednesday, January 1         | New Year's Day                          |
| 8) Monday, January 6            | Teacher Workday : No students           |
| 9) Wednesday, January 15        | PC Day : No students                    |
| 10) Monday, January 20          | Holiday : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day   |
| 11) Monday, February 17         | Holiday : Presidents' Day               |
| 12) <b>Tuesday, February 25</b> | <b>ACT / Pre-ACT Testing</b>            |
| 13) <b>Tuesday, February 25</b> | <b>Senior Grad Practice (Mandatory)</b> |
| 14) Wednesday, March 26         | Holiday : Prince Kuhio Day              |
| 15) Friday, April 18            | Holiday : Good Friday                   |
| 16) Monday, May 26              | Holiday : Memorial Day                  |
| 17) Tuesday, May 27             | <b>Tentative : Graduation</b>           |
| 18) 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=5MPVjhv2yDM>**

### **Kleenex Heroes of the Classroom**

There's less than one month left to nominate teachers for Kleenex's [Heroes of the Classroom](#) contest as they give away more than \$40,000 in total prizes!

### [Nominate a Great Teacher to Win](#)

Do you have a teacher, counselor, or administrator at Kalani High School that not only educates students, but changes lives? Let us help you celebrate their impact! Nominations take two minutes, and you could win:

- A \$1,000 Costco Shop Card for your favorite staff member
- A \$1,000 Donation to your school
- A Possible \$1000 Costco Shop Card for yourself!
- The Grand Prize Winner will win a total of \$5,000 AND a \$5,000 donation to their school, AND Free Kleenex for a year!

[https://www.heroesoftheclassroom.com/enter?utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Kleenex%20is%20Celebrating%20Teachers%20%26%20Seeking%20Nominations&utm\\_campaign=Kleenex%20-%20Email%209%20%28DNO%29](https://www.heroesoftheclassroom.com/enter?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Kleenex%20is%20Celebrating%20Teachers%20%26%20Seeking%20Nominations&utm_campaign=Kleenex%20-%20Email%209%20%28DNO%29)

### **Support for our Cafeteria**

Please support our cafeteria workers.

The amount of breakfast and lunches sold during August/September determines the cafeteria staffing for the year.  
Thank you (in advance) for supporting Mrs. Nagasawa and her workers.

### **Traffic Safety**

**Just because you see them doesn't mean that they see you.**

Be careful when crossing any street on or off campus. Oftentimes, parents are looking at their phone or waving to their child and they might not see you if you are crossing in front of their car.

### **English Language Acquisition Class**

Are you interested in improving your English Language Skills or to support your child in their education?

Kalani High School will be offering a Parent English Language Acquisition Course for interested individuals.

Classes will be held 4:30 to 6:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes started on August 27 - December 19, 2024.

Cost to register is \$20.00. Registration cost does not include textbook cost

English classes will be for beginner and intermediate level students

For more information, contact McKinley Community School for Adults @ 808 594-0540 or

Email Vice-Principal Mark Nakamura @ mark.nakamura@k12.hi.us

### **Cooking Course for Adults**

Are you interested in improving your cooking skills. Kalani High School is offering a cooking course for parents of current Kalani students. Classes start of August 19<sup>th</sup> ending on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Wednesday : 4:30 – 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to learn English and cooking skills at the same time. Course is for intermediate and advanced

English Learners. Registration fee is \$20.00 and does not include lab fees for supplies.

For more information, contact McKinley Community School for Adults @ 808 594-0540 or

Email Vice-Principal Mark Nakamura @ mark.nakamura@k12.hi.us

### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

As a parent/guardian of a Hawaii Department of Education student, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) who instruct your child. Federal Law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

1. Whether the teacher has met licensing criteria and has earned the designation Highly Qualified for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches. Core academic subjects include :
  - a. English-Language Arts
  - b. Mathematics
  - c. Science
  - d. Foreign Languages
  - e. Civics and Government
  - f. Economics
  - g. History
  - h. Geography
  - i. Art
2. Whether the teacher is under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees.
4. Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office.

**PARKING GUIDELINES :** To ensure safety, and security for our faculty, staff and students, all student vehicles are required to have a parking permit. Student vehicles parked on campus without a parking permit will result in the following actions: parent/student meeting, student's vehicle will not be allowed on campus.

**Student Parking is around the track (lower campus) Students are NOT allowed to park in the teachers' parking lot.**

**Student Parking is on a First Come/First Serve basis.**

**Once the spaces allocated for student parking are filled, students will need to park on the street.**

## Campus Safety

The Hawaii Department of Education Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Branch is responsible for the security of Department campuses. Our schools and state offices are secured as best as possible to prevent theft, vandalism, trespassing and acts of violence. Annual training is provided for all security personnel with continued research into security best practices and the latest technology.

School and student safety is a responsibility for all involved — administrators, staff, teachers, students, families, law enforcement and the broader community. Safety and security are necessary in order for learning to take place.

### Closed Campus

Kalani is a closed campus. The Hawaii Kai entrance to our campus is locked from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Security is posted at the Ewa entrance and the back parking lot, and we will monitor all cars entering campus.

**Uber Eats and other food delivery companies will be stopped and turned away (School Food Services Guidelines).  
Parents : you are welcome to drop off food for your child but please do not order food to be delivered via Uber Eats / Door Dash or any other companies.**

## Express Program (HOLO Card) Updates

Starting school year 2024-2025, students must meet transportation eligibility requirements in order to receive a free annual county bus pass for the school year.

Eligibility requirements

Student attending grades 9 – 12 and

Student must attend their home school and

Student must reside 1.5 miles or more from school in their public school attendance area

Families are instructed to complete the online application at <http://iportal.k12.hi.us/EXPRESS>

The following items are required for the application in order to verify the student's information and program eligibility  
DOE 10-digit student number

Island

School

Grade

Parent/Guardian Information

### Parents : Part-Time Teacher Opportunity

The DOE Honolulu District Hawaiian Studies Program is looking for part-time teachers (up to 17 hours per week) to

Work with grades K-5 students

Share Hawaiian History and Culture

Speak olelo Hawaii (language)

Share mo'olelo (stories)

Sing mele (songs)

For more information, contact [Julie.Kaohi@k12.hi.us](mailto:Julie.Kaohi@k12.hi.us)

To learn more visit [bit.ly/HawaiiEducationHub](http://bit.ly/HawaiiEducationHub)

### Kalani High Surveillance Cameras

Kalani High School installed surveillance cameras on the outside of buildings throughout our campus in 2017. The surveillance cameras are used to provide for the safety of our staff and students and to maintain the security of our buildings and personal property. The intent of the use of the video surveillance cameras is to provide a safe environment for our students by deterring outsiders from entering our campus for inappropriate reasons and to monitor our campus for vandalism and student misconduct. Our cameras are placed in public places, areas where there is no expectation of privacy – school entrances, hallways, exterior of buildings and other open areas on campus. The cameras are NOT placed in areas where students, staff or visitors may have a reasonable expectation of privacy – classrooms, offices, teacher workrooms, restrooms, locker rooms or other designated dressing rooms. Surveillance cameras are just one of the ways that we use to create a safe and secure learning environment at Kalani High School. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding our surveillance cameras, please call any of the administrative staff at 305-0500.

### Cafeteria Meals

To purchase meals, students must have money in their lunch account. Families are highly encouraged to make meal deposits and view balance of account online at [www.ezschoolpay.com](http://www.ezschoolpay.com).

## *US News 2024 Best High Schools*

Kalani High School is ranked first within Hawaii and #796 in the National Rankings

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/hawaii/districts/hawaii-department-of-education/kalani-high-school-6166>.



### **STUDENT SECTION**

#### **Clubs**

##### **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)**

Students need to filled out forms and join the discord server. Club Fees are \$40 to cover t-shirt cost.

We offer 4 programs

VEX runs from August 1st to February 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Bryan.Silver@k12.hi.us)

##### **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](http://deca.org) or follow @DECAInc on Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Vimeo.

##### **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.

##### **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.

##### **Smash Ultimate Club (Mr. Nakano)**

We mainly play the video game Super Smash Bros Ultimate. New players and experienced veterans are welcome.

Meet during lunch everyday and after school everyday except Wed in E-16. This year we plan on attending more e-sports tournaments.

### **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.

### **Science Club (Ms. Hamasaki)**

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!

### **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.

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**  
**SUMMER INTERNSHIP/OTHER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Mrs. Lisa Hayashi      College and Career Counselor      [lisa.hayashi@k12.hi.us](mailto: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 Virtual College & Career Informational Session

Who: Kalani High School Class of 2025 students and families welcome to join!

When: September 12 6:00-7:00 pm      Where: virtual link will be emailed soon

National College Fair

Who: open to the general public

When: October 4 5:00-8:00 pm      Where: Convention Center

More information: <https://www.nacacattend.org/24Honolulu>

"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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

Kalani High participated in 2019 and again last year. No event from 2020 – 2022 because of the global pandemic.

**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

## Football

Kalani 0 – Iolani 48	
Kalani 17 – Kamehameha II 34	
September 7	vs. Kalaheo @ Kailua 3:00pm
September 14	vs. McKinley @ Roosevelt 6:00pm
September 20	vs. Kaiser 7:00pm
October 5	vs. Castle @ Kaiser 6:00pm
October 12	vs. Waialua @ Kaiser 6:00pm
October 18	@ Roosevelt 7:00pm
October 26	vs. Kaimuki @ Kaiser 6:00pm

## Crosscountry

September 7	Preseason Meet
September 14	Preseason Meet @ Kailua
September 21	Preseason Meet @ Pearl City
September 28	Kalani Invitational @ Kalani
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

September 7	vs. Castle	September 11	vs. Kalaheo	September 14	vs. Kaiser
September 18	bye	September 21	vs. Roosevelt	September 25	vs. Kailua
September 28	vs. Kaimuki	October 2	vs. vs. Moanalua	October 5	vs. Kahuku
October 12	OIA @ Leilehua	November 6	HHSAA @ NBC		

## Schedules pending

### Bowling

September 5	@ K-Bay
September 12	@ K-Bay
September 19	@ K-Bay
September 26	@ K-Bay
October 3	@ K-Bay
October 10	@ K-Bay
October 17	@ K-Bay
October 24	@ K-Bay
October 30	OIA@ 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

August 31	@ Kalaheo and McKinley
September 7	vs. Kailua
September 14	@ Roosevelt and Kaimuki
September 21	vs. Kaiser and Moanalua
September 28	OIA Team Championship
October 5	OIA East Individual
October 12	OIA

## Volleyball

September 4 @ Kailua  
September 9 vs. Moanalua  
September 11 vs. Roosevelt  
September 16 @ McKinley  
September 18 vs. Anuenue  
September 23 @ Kalaheo  
September 25 vs. Farrington  
September 30 @ Kaiser  
October 2 vs. Kahuku  
October 7 @ Kaimuki  
October 9 vs. Castle  
October 14-23 OIA Oct 28 – Nov 2 HHSAA

## Softball (JV)

September 7 @ Kaiser  
September 11 @ Kaimuki  
September 14 vs. Roosevelt  
September 18 @ Castle  
September 21 vs. Moanalua  
September 25 vs. Kaiser  
September 28 vs. Kaimuki  
October 2 @ Roosevelt  
October 5 vs. Castle  
October 9 @ Moanalua October 15/16 OIA Playoffs

## SPORTS OFFERINGS 2022-23

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

### FALL

B/G AIR RIFLE (V)  
B/G BOWLING (V)  
B/G CHEER (JV/V) SIDELINE/COMPETITION  
B/G CROSS-COUNTRY (JV/V)  
FOOTBALL (JV/V)  
G SOFTBALL (JV)  
B/G SOFT TENNIS (V)  
Girls VOLLEYBALL (JV/V2/V)

### 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

## 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.

## Grade Check Dates

Monday, September 3, 2024

Monday, September 16, 2024

Friday, October 4, 2024 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

Friday, October 25, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Monday, November 25, 2024

Monday, December 9, 2024

Friday, December 20, 2024 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Friday, January 17, 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025

Friday, March 14, 2025 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Friday, April 4, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025

Monday, May 5, 2025

Monday, May 19, 2025 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

## 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:

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](mailto: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

Inquiries concerning discrimination and/or harassment may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

## **AHERA**

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school. In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rule requires our school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos containing material in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in 1958 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct periodic surveillances and triennial re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff. An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Hawaii State Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change. A copy of the management plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours. Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-305-0500.

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