

KANU O KA 'ĀINA



KŪLIA I KA NU'U

Student and Parent Handbook

GENERAL INFORMATION

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OUR NAME

Kanu o ka 'Āina is a short form of the proverb "kalo kanu o ka 'āina," which literally translates to "taro planted on the land" and figuratively refers to "natives of the land from generations back." The name identifies us as "plants of the land" because as native Hawaiians, we are an intricate part of our environment. Our cosmogonic genealogies directly link us to the land. We come from the land; it is part of our 'ohana. Like Hawaii's natural environment, our Hawaiian learning 'ohana is made up of like-minded individuals yet diverse, with a wide range of skills and strengths. Together we have agreed to pool these strengths to aloha, nurture and care for all members of our extended 'ohana, as we advance Hawaiian culture, language and traditions into the future.

HO'OULU NA'AUAO

OUR PURPOSE

To provide students of Hawaiian ancestry and all who honor the ways of our Hawaiian kupuna residing in the North Hawai'i area of Hawai'i Island, with an equal opportunity to quality education that addresses their distinctive learning style.

OUR VISION

As a community-based learning 'ohana, Kanu is steadfast in cultivating compassionate, empowered, highly competent learners of all ages, grounded in Native Hawaiian culture and language.

OUR MISSION

Kanu's mission is to Kūlia i ka Nu'u or strive for the highest. A philosophy of excellence guides Kanu as we collectively design, implement and continuously evaluate a quality, culturally driven, intergenerational Hawaiian model of education with Aloha.

KANU IDEAL GRADUATE

The successful Kanu graduate exemplifies Kūlia i ka Nu'u i ka paepae kapu o Līloa; values learning through an applied growth mindset with the confidence and discipline to transform their world (kanaka, 'ohana, kaiāulu, lāhui, honua).

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WELCOME AND ALOHA

Aloha mai and welcome to Kanu o ka 'Āina (Kanu) New Century Public Charter School (NCPCS).

Kauhale 'Ōiwi o Pu'ukapu campus (Kanu) is located in the heart of Kūhiō Village on the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in Waimea. Your choice to join our learning 'ohana is a commitment to the vision, mission and core values that are the foundation of our school. Together, we will chart a course for your child's future grounded in Native Hawaiian cultural values, rich traditions and extraordinary academic pursuits. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child benefits from our collective efforts.

In SY 2020, Kanu celebrated our 20th year! We mahalo the school's founder, Dr. Kū Kahakalau for her vision and leadership in leading a team of community stakeholders in transitioning Kanu o ka 'Āina's Hawaiian Academy into Hawai'i's first K-12 culturally driven, family-oriented and community-based public charter school in August 2000. Kanu honors our past and celebrates our school's growth and accomplishments.

Kanu will remain focused on strengthening the well-being of its students, families, community and 'āina through active learning that will prepare students to be college, career, community, and culturally ready. We remain committed to ensure the continuance of Native Hawaiian focused curriculum while delivering high quality education in new and diverse ways. Faculty and staff members remain committed to providing a caring and nurturing learning environment that challenges and enables the haumāna to thrive academically, behaviorally, culturally, and socially.

As mākuā you have tremendous influence upon the educational success of your keiki. Your constant encouragement and positive belief in his/her ability to learn are key factors in ensuring that your keiki will grow emotionally and socially and put forth his/her best effort in academic and cultural endeavors. We ask for your support and urge you to take an active role in the education of your keiki.

OUR FOUNDATION

Education with Aloha

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School is based on pedagogy of Aloha, which was developed by our school's founder, Dr. Kū Kahakalau. It is expected that those who are associated with the school actively practice Aloha in their interactions with others. We believe that all members of the Kanu learning 'ohana will think, speak and act kindly toward one another and be willing to resolve conflicts amicably, expeditiously and free of ill will, as practiced in Native Hawaiian culture. It is an absolute requirement that all members of the Kanu learning 'ohana continuously encourage and model the value of Aloha, which we believe will always yield positive results.

Kanu Beliefs

As a Native Hawaiian-focused school, Kanu o ka 'Āina is grounded in culture-based education (CBE) practices. We seek to work together to strengthen the Maui Hawai'i and create honua kīpuka within the different places of our lives. Haumāna, kumu, hulu kupuna and 'ohana member participation is essential to fostering comprehensive academic success.

E 'Auamo Kākou i ke Kuleana – Core Values

Our collective commitment to keep Hawai'i's native language and culture alive includes perpetuating the values of our hulu kūpuna codified in countless 'ōlelo no'eau or wise proverbs. Four of these 'ōlelo no'eau make up Kanu o ka 'Āina's core values or school-wide behavioral expectations. These proverbs were chosen to provide a safe, loving, positive, and orderly environment conducive to the academic, social, and character development of haumāna, kumu and our extended learning 'ohana. To accomplish this, all members of the Kanu learning 'ohana are expected to:

ALOHA kekahi i kekahi - Love one another.

MĀLAMA i kou kuleana - Take care of your responsibilities.

KŌKUA aku, kōkua mai - Give help, receive help.

MAHALO i ka mea loa'a - Be thankful for what we have.

Nā Piko

In addition to the four elements of maui, there exist three elements of piko. Piko 'Ī, Piko 'Ō and Piko Ā, which connect native people spiritually and intuitively to preceding generations and generations to come. Through these centers and building upon this foundation, Hawaiians are better equipped to carry on their legacy with a strong sense of place and personal identity.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Governing Board

As a community-based public charter school, Kanu o ka 'Āina is governed by an independent Governing Board that has the independent authority to determine the organization and management of the school, its curriculum and virtual education as well as ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws. Moreover, the Governing Board is responsible for the financial and academic viability of the school. The Governing Board negotiates and implements the bi-lateral contract with the Charter School Commission, sets broad institutional policy, and determines priorities that further the mission of Kanu o ka 'Āina. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month and the meetings are open to the public.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Kanani Kapuniai (President), Randy Vitousek, Steve Hurwitz,
WD Keōmailani Case, Nahaku Kalei, John Colson, and Naomi Tachera

Leadership Team

The Kanu o ka 'Āina's leadership team is a highly qualified leadership team that implements the school's mission & vision, provides direction and guidance, assures the proper implementation of all rules and policies, and spearheads ongoing growth academically, culturally, and organizationally. The leadership team consists of school administrators and the Business Manager. School administrators, selected by the Governing Board, are responsible for day-to-day operations and supervision of all Kanu o ka 'Āina personnel as delegated by the Governing Board.

K-5 ELEMENTARY PO'O KUMU

Keōmailani Case

6-12 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PO'OKUMU

Kanoa Castro

KA 'OHĀ PO'OKUMU

Nicole Ryan

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

Taffi Wise

‘OHANA SUPPORT

Makua Role/Responsibility

As members of the Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana, mākua are key partners in ensuring that their children enjoy successful school experiences. We look to each ‘ohana to support the education of their keiki by adhering to the following expectations:

- Ensure your keiki attends school regularly and arrives each day on time
- Embrace Hawai‘i’s native culture and language and practice Native Hawaiian values
- Model kūlia i ka nu‘u and pono behavior by speaking and acting appropriately
- Set your child up for success by making sure he/she comes to school prepared to learn
- Provide encouragement and support for the academic performance and progress of your keiki
- Monitor and keep abreast of the academic progress of your keiki
- Support teacher and classroom expectations
- Support school regulations and policies by reviewing this handbook with your keiki
- Attend ‘ohana gatherings and school functions
- Keep informed about school events, activities and announcements by reading the Hunehune Kalo newsletter and other school-originated communications
- Communicate regularly with the kumu and advisor of your keiki
- Contact the appropriate kumu, kākā‘ōlelo or po‘okumu right away if a problem arises
- Satisfy all financial obligations prior to the start of the school year including huaka‘i, lunch and student fees

Pū‘ulu Aukahi Mākua

Mākua, guardians, and extended ‘ohana members are encouraged to become contributing members of Kanu o ka ‘Āina’s mākua support organization, Pū‘ulu Aukahi Mākua. The parent group meets on an “as needed” basis and relies on mākua representatives from each hui to facilitate communication and information between the kumu and mākua as well as with Pū‘ulu Aukahi Mākua. The parent group plans and supports a variety of activities that benefit the school. Mākua are encouraged to join with parent group leaders in planning and executing fundraising activities and special occasion celebrations. These include helping with gatherings and other events, chaperoning research trips, assisting with fundraising, or volunteering in the classroom. The Pū‘ulu Aukahi Mākua email is: kanuptsa@gmail.com.

Volunteers

Anyone interested in volunteering at Kanu o ka 'Āina may pick up an application at the school office. Applications are valid for a three-year period. For the safety of our children, all volunteers are required to undergo a criminal background check.

'Ohana Gatherings

'Ohana gatherings begin with informational orientation meetings at the start of the school year (this may take on various forms). Other 'ohana gatherings are held throughout the year to share information with our extended learning 'ohana, showcase talents and progress of our haumāna, and to provide parents with support in helping their child be successful at school. Mākua, haumāna and interested extended 'ohana members are expected to participate in these evening gatherings as part of their commitment to the educational success of their keiki.

Hunehune Kalo

Kanu o ka 'Āina disseminates school news and latest developments through the publication, Hunehune Kalo. The Hunehune Kalo shares "bits of news" with haumāna, mākua, kumu and extended 'ohana members, including a schedule of upcoming events, activities or meetings and an 'ōlelo no'eau. Haumāna and mākua are encouraged to read the weekly newsletter to stay informed of updated school information and to learn the featured 'ōlelo no'eau.

The Hunehune Kalo will be emailed to 'ohana and will also be posted on our website at <http://kanu.kalo.org>.

Conflict Resolution

Strong relationships grounded in the highest levels of respect, honor and responsibility is a basic tenet that shapes our cultural identity at Kanu and dictates how we interact with one another. Respecting individuals and maintaining positive relationships with 'ohana and the larger community is an expectation. We do this by treating one another with Aloha. As 'ohana members we are responsible for our own actions and for the actions of family members. Open and frequent communication is an important part of any strong relationship. In an effort to keep lines of communication open, haumāna, mākua, advisors and staff are strongly encouraged to communicate with one another in positive, respectful ways.

Whenever there is any kind of conflict, misunderstanding, disagreement, difference of opinion, dispute, tension or controversy, the first step should always be seeking out the individual(s) in question and trying to resolve the issue in a positive manner.

If the issue(s) cannot be resolved through a friendly one-on-one discussion with the person(s)

involved, administration or counseling support staff should be contacted to set up a joint meeting with the parties involved in an effort to resolve the issue(s). This may include convening a kūkākūkā with a third-party mediator present if the situation merits. If the issue remains unresolved, the support team convenes a meeting with the Administrative Team for intervention and resolution. If all parties work together communicating effectively with aloha, we are ensured a highly productive and rewarding school year.

STUDENT PROCESSING

Admissions Policy

Kanu is open to all students who choose to apply. Kanu seeks enthusiastic, motivated haumāna without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, disability or other criteria protected by law, who wish to join its intergenerational Hawaiian model of education with Aloha.

Student admissions are open to all students in grades kindergarten through grade 9 during our open enrollment period from January 1st to March 1st. Students interested in other grade levels are considered on a space available basis. Kindergarteners must turn 5 by July 31st of the application school year. Keiki attending our Mālamapōki'i Early Childhood Education Program must submit a new application for Kanu kindergarten.

Admissions are determined on space available for any given grade. If interest exceeds space availability, a lottery will be held for that grade. Applications received after the admissions deadlines are considered on a space available basis after the lottery process is completed and keiki/haumāna not selected in the lottery process have been placed.

Students offered spaces will be notified in writing. 'Ohana who do not reply by the stated due date in their letter will forfeit his or her space and the next person on the waitlist will be offered the space.

We welcome and encourage all interested persons to complete and submit an Admissions application by the imposed deadline. Admissions applications are available on the school website or at the school office.

Upon acceptance into the educational program, keiki, haumāna and their 'ohana become active members of our unique Kanu learning 'ohana.

Prior to the end of each school year, mākuā complete a survey informing Kanu of the extent to which Kanu has met their expectations and are invited to share their mana'o about ways Kanu can improve.

Exit/Transfer

Haumāna invited to attend Kanu are expected to remain at Kanu for a full academic year. If unforeseen circumstances require a child to leave Kanu o ka 'Āina before the end of the school year, haumāna and their mākuā should inform the administrative office of their intent and complete the proper documents to release the student to another educational institution. Mākuā also participate in an exit survey when signing for the release of their haumāna.

Survey information is vitally important to the Kanu in helping to continually evaluate the quality of the program we provide as well as make any changes as necessary.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Cultural knowledge and Hawaiian practices drive instruction at Kanu. We are guided by cultural benchmarks and core values developed by kumu, and kupuna that support culturally relevant approaches that embrace learning through Hawaiian language, culture, history and tradition. For Kanu, this translates into teaching and learning that is relevant and connected to authentic haumāna interests, as well as school and community needs. Kanu's inclusive pedagogy blends cultural values and ideals, academic rigor, experiential and place-based learning, and innovative technology, generating a deep sense of connection, relevance and meaning for haumāna of all ethnic backgrounds.

As a public charter school, our instructional staff consists of core content teachers in addition to Hawaiian language and cultural resource specialists.

The K-12 curriculum is designed to allow haumāna to explore, make discoveries, and see relationships and connections between ideas. Haumāna are taught to investigate, evaluate, and draw conclusions about nature in order to make sense of the physical world in which they live. Curriculum centers on specific themes and essential questions integrating academic subjects, instructional practices and strategies, as well as multiple forms of assessment, while aligning curriculum to common core and state standards, and cultural benchmarks. Mathematics and language arts instruction in all grades address common core standards.

Kanu haumāna are taught to Mālama i ka 'Āina or take care of the land which in turn allows them to make lasting connections to nature. Haumāna are guided to use critical thinking skills necessary for making responsible decisions about the environment and are encouraged to transfer their knowledge into positive environmental action. Because these studies occur within their local community, it provides them with a sense of place as well as a better understanding of the interconnectedness between their own community and the world around them. This real

world, problem-based approach addressing real issues makes learning come alive.

At Kanu, academics are taught through culture. The school day begins with piko, a gathering of all members of our learning 'ohana sharing oli, mele, and chants to center and focus haumāna so they are ready to learn. As a Hawaiian-focused school, haumāna are taught in both Hawaiian and English. Instruction is both place and inquiry or project-based hands-on learning. Inquiry or project-based learning is the preferred instructional strategy because it provides an effective, authentic way for teachers to simultaneously address nature, place, curricular integration, relationships, relevance, rigor and habits of mind. Instruction is delivered integrating Hawaiian cultural benchmarks with common core standards. Multi age groupings in varied settings align with traditional Hawaiian learning and teaching styles and allow older haumāna to be alaka'i or leaders and serve as peer teachers and role models.

Kanu utilizes a strengths-based approach that embraces the whole child in which children learn in a nurturing environment that promotes positive relationships. As a community-based, family oriented school, mākua, extended family, kupuna, and community members are actively involved in the educational process. The community and surrounding environment become living learning laboratories where haumāna and community work together to create a future that is pono.

Kanu expects its graduates to be culturally grounded, highly motivated learners who practice a lifestyle that engages, enlightens and empowers them to strive for a lifetime of excellence, righteousness and happiness. Thus, our vision for the ideal graduate is as follows:

The successful Kanu graduate exemplifies Kūlia i ka Nu'u i ka paepae kapu o Līloa; values learning through an applied growth mindset with the confidence and discipline to transform their world (kanaka, 'ohana, kaiāulu, lāhui, honua).

Haumāna are expected to learn first about their world, their reality, and the values and traditions of Hawai'i's native culture, before they branch out to the rest of the world. Kanu believes that given such a Hawaiian-focused foundation, haumāna can enter any world of their choice, secure in their identity, their abilities, and their responsibilities to thrive as modern Hawaiians. We also believe that such a cultural foundation sets haumāna up as life-long learners continuously seeking wisdom, and continuously trying to reach their highest level.

Academic Progress

Haumāna who enter Kanu o ka 'Āina bring a wide array of academic, cultural and social competencies, along with unique needs and learning styles. As part of their commitment to kūlia i ka nu'u, all haumāna must try their hardest to show ongoing growth and progress and meet or exceed a variety of academic, cultural, and personal standards.

Haumāna who have difficulty meeting the standards in mathematics and reading participate in

support programs, including small group and individual tutorials during the school day or after school. Haumāna are expected to attend these classes as part of their kuleana to kūlia i ka nu‘u. Transportation to and from tutorials is the responsibility of the mākua as part of their effort to assist their child to kūlia i ka nu‘u. Mākua are also welcomed to procure private tutorials if they wish.

Learner Outcomes

Kanu o ka ‘Āina is designed for haumāna who prefer a hands-on, in-the-environment approach to learning. By participating in authentic projects and solving real problems in the community, Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna are expected to achieve a variety of outcomes that are essential for 21st century survival.

The Ability to be Responsible for One’s Own Learning – Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna set priorities, establish achievable goals and manage their time while working towards these goals. They also take responsibility for their own action(s) and inaction(s).

The Understanding That It Is Essential for Human Beings to Work Together - Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna manage their own behavior in a group setting, work toward group goals, communicate effectively in groups and demonstrate tolerance for individual and cultural differences. They recognize that each individual needs to make a contribution to the general welfare of the immediate community.

The Ability to Be Involved in Complex Thinking and Problem Solving - Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna manipulate a variety of structures of learning. They develop various ways of looking at the world in which they live in order to solve the myriad of problems faced in today’s society.

The Ability to Recognize and Produce Quality Performance and Quality Work – Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna recognize when they are performing at a level that is equal to or above that of other individuals from around the world. They know when they perform well and when they produce quality work—and strive to do so.

The Ability to Be an Effective Communicator - Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna communicate effectively in English and Hawaiian in a variety of situations and for a variety of purposes. They know how to practice Hawaiian protocol and oration and feel comfortable expressing their opinions in a variety of settings.

The Ability to Be an Ethical User of Technology - Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna utilizes the latest in education technology to become not only consumers but also creators of information. They can discern ethical versus unethical use of technology and choose to use technology for its intended purpose.

Kanu Student Learner Outcomes

High School Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, students are prepared to:

1. Demonstrate cultural perseverance through oral and visual communication.
2. Value and examine indigenous and global perspectives through leadership and community engagement.
3. Formulate and critically apply the skills necessary to activate positive change in society.

Middle School Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, students are prepared to:

1. Identify and observe traditional knowledge systems in relation to natural and community cycles.
2. Apply and analyze traditional practices and behaviors to cultivate community awareness and engagement.
3. Address community issues and create culturally responsive solutions.

Elementary Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, students are prepared to:

1. Perpetuate their desire for learning and maintaining relationships to their environment and community.
2. Demonstrate their connection to place through observation, identification, and independent inquiry.
3. Embrace the kuleana of contributing to their community.
4. Establish self-identity by honoring one's genealogy.

Middle School Promotion Policy

Middle school haumāna are expected to successfully complete all core content areas (language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and Hawaiian language) each school year with a passing grade (a minimum of 60%) in order to be promoted to the next level. Anyone not meeting this expectation will meet with administration to determine an appropriate course of action/intervention to assist them in meeting these requirements or to possibly be retained.

The middle school program includes project learning time that provides enrichment opportunities to expand haumāna learning. Additionally, each 8th grade student must successfully complete the 8th grade defense as a school requirement for promotion.

6 th grade	7 th grade	8 th grade
Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
Science	Science	Science
Hawaiian Language	Hawaiian Language	Hawaiian Language
PE/Health	PE/Health	PE/Health
Fine Arts	Fine Arts	Fine Arts

Graduation Requirements

Academic Courses and Credits

Kanu o ka ‘Āina haumāna in grades 9-12, who meet or exceed select standards over the course of four years, earn the following 25 credits for graduation:

Language Arts (4 credits), Social Studies (4 credits), Mathematics (4 credits), Science (4 credits), Hawaiian Health (.5 credit), Electives (5 credits), PE (1 credit), Personal Transition Plan (.5 credits)

Senior Capstone, Lei Hulu and Kīhei

As a culminating piece of their learning, all Kanu seniors are expected to design and implement an independent senior capstone. The Senior Capstone is a haumāna-selected exploration of a topic of special interest that the haumāna has researched over time or an important topic related to the haumāna's future career or college interests. The components of the Senior Capstone include a pitch, proposal, research, academic writing piece, an artifact, community event, or prototype, and both a school-based presentation and community presentation to an authentic audience.

Kanu seniors are also required to demonstrate respect for the integrity of their cultural knowledge and demonstrate the use of this knowledge through application. All seniors must be able to share their mo'okūauhau at graduation ceremony. Prior to their graduation ceremony, students must complete a lei hulu (feather lei) and a kīhei (traditional garment). Haumāna receive instructional support for the leihulu and kīhei from high school kumu and/or advisors.

Makua/Kumu Conferences and Haumāna-Led Conferences

All haumāna in K-12 are required to lead mandatory conferences attended by their mākua/guardians and their kumu. The first quarter conference in September/October is a mākua/kumu conference to apprise mākua of the progress haumāna are making to date and to create both long and short-term educational plans. In addition, haumāna that wish to share their portfolios at this conference may do so. Third quarter conferences are haumāna-led conferences in which haumāna share progress portfolios to update mākua of the academic, cultural and social progress that their children have made.

Mākua/Guardians are expected to participate in both conferences as part of their kuleana towards being involved and showing support for their child's education. Mākua may also request a conference with their child's kumu to discuss their child's academic progress at any time throughout the school year.

Report Cards

Haumāna in grades 5-12 will receive letter grades (A-F) or for some courses a Pass/Fail grade for all quarters and semesters to describe the haumāna's progress in meeting standards in various subject areas, including electives for secondary students. All other elementary haumāna (K-4) receive quarterly progress reports and are graded on progress made toward Common Core and state standards, and cultural benchmarks.

Progress Reports

With access to PowerSchool, all students (grades 5-12) and parents/guardians have 24/7 access to their child's grade book. As a progress checkup, a copy of the student's Powerschool grade report will be sent out no later than the fifth week of each quarter if a haumāna is at risk of receiving a D and/or F for the first/second semester. If a makua receives such a notice, he/she is responsible to schedule a conference with his/her child's personal advisor and kumu team members to discuss strategies for assisting the haumāna in meeting course expectations.

9th -12th Recovery Courses

All 9th – 12th grade students that receive an F as a semester grade will be required to take a recovery class to recoup the credit. Kanu offers an on-line credit recovery program for a fee. Families may also choose to recoup the credit at another educational institution during the summer or online throughout the school year if the selected course is approved by administration. Parents/guardians are responsible for scheduling credit recovery classes for their child and are also responsible for any class fees and associated fees. Families may contact office staff as listed on page two of this handbook, if financial assistance is needed.

Early College Program and College Credit Policy

All Kanu haumāna are provided with opportunities from Grade 9 through Grade 12 to participate in Kanu's early college program. Information, opportunities and requirements may change due to availability and funding. Please contact Chelsea LaFrance at chelseal@kalo.org for more information.

Post-Secondary Counseling

All Kanu haumāna are provided with opportunities from Grade 9 through Grade 12 to explore a variety of college and career options as they prepare for life after high school. Kanu o ka 'Āina also offers individual college and career counseling to interested haumāna and their families by appointment and through special workshops. Please contact Travis Martinson at travis@kalo.org for more information.

Ka `Ohana Paepae

Ka `Ohana Paepae (KOP) exists to provide haumāna, 'ohana & po'e hana with culturally aligned, holistic supports and services acknowledging the unique strengths, needs, and perspectives of all members while being mindful of individual and collective wellbeing. Members of KOP include the K-12 Counselor, `Ohana Engagement/Technology Support, Ho'okele Haumāna, ELA/MATH Intervention kōkua - Grades K-5, Student Services Coordinator (SSC), Special Education staff, and school Administration. Kanu provides layered levels of assistance. The Ka `Ohana Paepae Coordinator processes requests for kōkua and oversees the KOP. The KOP develops and assists in implementation of support services to our haumāna to promote effective academic and personal growth. Support may be provided on an individual, class/small group, or school wide basis; as well as include participation from members of `ohana or within our community based on need.

Lau 'Ike (Flowering Knowledge)

Kanu o ka 'Āina believes that all children are gifted and should be given the opportunity, beginning with kindergarten, to find out what their individual gifts and talents are. Once the haumāna are aware of their gifts, they are encouraged to develop these talents to their highest level. In order to allow haumāna to explore and develop their unique gifts and interests, as well as attain essential career and life skills, Kanu provides enrichment classes and electives during the regular school day and through after school programs taught by kumu, community practitioners and artisans. In addition, students that demonstrate the desire and need for an increased academic challenge may work with advisors to participate in Kanu's alternative academic pathways..

Special Education Services

Kanu complies with all state and federal special education requirements and works to accomplish this in a manner that respects the integrity of our curriculum and individual student needs. The school makes accommodations for learning differences or special needs depending on their type and severity in accordance with haumāna individualized learning plans (IEP). It is important to note that Kanu is a full-inclusion school thus all IDEA/504 haumāna are mainstreamed into regular education classes.

Comprehensive Student Support Services (CSSS)

Haumāna who experience continued academic and/or behavioral difficulties despite extra support and interventions initiated by their personal advisor, kumu, and support from Ka 'Ohana Paepae are referred to the Comprehensive Student Support Team for additional support. The Student Services Coordinator (SSC) along with other support staff, work with the child and his/her family and, if warranted, initiate a referral to assess the child for specific learning or behavioral disabilities and/or any other special needs with the support and assistance of DOE special services personnel. If assessment results indicate, the haumāna may be eligible to receive IDEA or 504 services. Throughout the school year, kākā'ōlelo track each referral for evaluation to ensure that appropriate services are provided in a timely manner and that haumāna needs are met. The SSC and IDEA/504 Care Coordinators maintain contact with mākuā to keep them informed about progress and/or concerns that may arise and take prompt action to address issues.

Individual Education Plan (IEP)

All identified IDEA and 504 haumāna are provided with an individually designed educational program developed in collaboration with mākuā and delivered in a full inclusion setting. The IEP is based on the haumāna's evaluation by his/her IEP team and supported by related and supplementary services, as appropriate. All special needs haumāna attend classes with regular education haumāna. Like all other Kanu o ka 'Āina haumāna, IDEA and 504 haumāna are held to the same expectation to demonstrate ongoing improvement and visible efforts to kūlia i ka nu'u.

Attendance Policies

Attendance is a vital factor for success at Kanu o ka 'Āina. Coming to school and participating in Kanu o ka 'Āina's project-based learning activities are a critical part of our haumāna's education. Research confirms that haumāna who come to school every day learn more, earn better grades, and achieve greater success.

Charter schools are held to Hawai'i's school accountability and improvement system called Strive HI. Schools are ranked by indicators on an Academic Performance Index (API) that incorporates achievement, growth, and readiness. Chronic absenteeism is a readiness indicator. As a K-12 school, Kanu is held accountable for high school performance/readiness indicators. It is important for 'ohana to be aware of the significance placed on chronic absenteeism in the new State of Hawai'i measures for academic success. Chronic absenteeism for this purpose is defined as the percentage of haumāna that are absent for 15 or more school days during the school year, excluding those absences attributed to a medical emergency.

It is the kuleana of both haumāna and mākua to ensure that haumāna come to school every day and on time. If a child is unable to attend school the mākua/guardian must report absences by calling the attendance hotline at 890-8144 for all haumāna before 9 a.m. for each day of the child's absence to report the absence.

Excessive Absences

Excessive absenteeism will result in a family court referral for neglect. Kanu and the State of Hawai'i Board of Education recognizes any student with 15 or more days absent as being considered chronically absent. Students and families in this situation may have a Family Court Non-Attendance petition filed which requires going before a family court judge. To help support attendance, Kanu will implement the following process:

- **Step 1:** Upon 5 days absent, Kanu will send a 5 day letter to the 'ohana.
- **Step 2:** Upon a 10th absence, Kanu will send a 10 day letter to the 'ohana & contact will be made to the family by a member of the Ka 'Ohana Paepae team (KOP).
- **Step 3:** Upon the 15th absence, Kanu will send a 15 day letter to the 'ohana and a required meeting/conference with a KOP member and/or administration will be scheduled. A Family Court Non-Attendance filing is possible at this point and may be made by Kanu administration.

Note: There may be special circumstances like emergency situations, and other occasions where absences will occur. A review of these special circumstances will be conducted on a case by case basis. Consistent communication between the 'ohana and school is expected in order to accurately support the attendance of all haumāna. For inquiries about extended times away from school, an ILP (Individual Learning Plan) may be requested at least 2 weeks in advance before the projected days absent. ILPs will be reviewed/considered before approval or denial. (Please refer to the table of contents for the page number of the Extended Absences Procedure - ILP).

Tardies

The pū for piko will sound at 7:55 a.m. each morning. School begins promptly at 8:00 am. Arrival after 8:00 am is considered tardy. Haumāna who enter the campus after piko request permission to enter (by chanting into the rest of the school) accompanied by their mākua /guardian. Haumāna with excessive tardiness will be referred to the Kanu administration for action.

Students that arrive after the completion of piko must check in with the main office to receive a pass before attending class.

Returning to School

On return, your child shall deliver to the school office a signed note from a parent or legal guardian stating the reason for the absence. After an absence of three (3) or more days due to illness, your child must be readmitted to school through the office with a written statement from his/her doctor which notes:

- Nature of the illness & dates excused from school
- Treatment
- Directions for follow-up
- Special directions for activities if applicable (i.e. physical education participation)

NOTE: 18-year-old haumāna may clear their own absences by one of the methods above. The school, however, reserves the right to verify the legitimacy of such absences if it appears that appropriate responsibility is not being maintained.

PRESENT: The following are the circumstances and designations for which a haumāna will be marked present:

1. Haumāna is present in class.
2. Haumāna is on school property with authorization from the teacher or administration.
3. Haumāna is on a school-authorized research trip, participating in a school team activity, or another school sponsored activity.
4. Haumāna participates in an approved internship/mentorship on or off campus.
5. Haumāna participates in an educational opportunity or special activity as deemed appropriate by school administration (e.g., participation in a recognized local, national or international competition). This designation always requires administrative approval prior to the event.

6. Haumāna has successfully completed an approved Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

Absent Excused- Legitimate reasons for absences include:

- Covid-19 related illness and/or non-school close contact: For more details refer to the updated Health & Safety guide (July 2022)
- Haumāna has a documented acute or chronic medical condition requiring a doctor's care or other specialist appointments.
- Haumāna is absent due to a verifiable religious observance.
- Haumāna is absent due to a death in the immediate family (3 days maximum).
- Haumāna is absent as a direct result of legal obligations, supported by court subpoenas or appropriate documentation.

Absent Unexcused: A haumāna is considered absent when he/she is not physically present in school or in class unless participating in an off campus huaka'i or on an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP).

Extended Absence Procedures - Individual Learning Plans (ILP)

Kanu is aware that there may be circumstances that require extended absences of four or more days. The Individual Learning Plan (ILP) process is for haumāna who are planning to attend one of the following:

- an essential credit for graduation or certificate program
- an essential extended 'ohana or educational event not offered within the regular school day or time frame on a case by case basis
- a sports event relevant to building individual skill and knowledge of a sport
- a long-term illness;
- and family emergencies handled on a case by case basis.

All ILP requests must be received no less than two weeks prior to the anticipated absence. All ILP's must be approved prior to the absence and all required work must be completed satisfactorily in order for the haumāna to be considered "present" and their work counted as part of their grade/credit. Please note that the haumāna's kumu team and/or school administrators reserves the right to deny any ILP request due to academic or behavioral issues or because the time required to initiate the ILP is too short. Final approval rests with school administrators.

In general, haumāna who anticipate being away from school for four or more days should apply for an ILP using the following process:

- **Step 1:** Haumāna/makua informs the kumu or advisor of the initial intent to submit an ILP request with the potential dates of absence.
- **Step 2:** Haumāna/makua picks up the ILP Request Form from the office, completes the request for the ILP, and returns the ILP request form to our school office.
- **Step 3:** Your keiki's advisor will work with the 'ohana to draft an ILP, which must be signed by the haumāna, mākua, kumu, and an Administrative Team member at least one week prior to the absence.
- **Step 4:** Submittal of work completed is due within one week of the haumāna's return to school. Kumu will verify that agreed upon work is completed or not completed and notify the school administrator and school office with final determination. If the ILP is marked "complete" the haumāna's attendance is recorded as "present" during the days of the absence. If the ILP is marked as "incomplete" due to the failure of the haumāna to turn in required work on time, the absence will be considered an "unexcused absence."

Release Policy

Haumāna will only be released to their mākua, guardians, or persons listed on the haumāna's emergency card. Please notify the school office immediately if personal circumstances make it necessary to correct/update the emergency card information. Updating the information is the responsibility of the mākua to ensure that the family can be reached in the event of an emergency.

Early Release Policy

A child may be excused from school for a portion of the day if a written request is provided to the office. Makua may also call the office if he/she will be picking up a child for an appointment. The child must be signed-out on the Early Release form in the school office by a mākua, guardian, or person designated on the emergency card. Office staff will gather the haumāna from the classroom to await pick up/release to mākua /guardian at the school office. No haumāna may leave campus under any circumstances without checking out at the office or with their teachers, when haumāna are not at an official campus site. Leaving campus without consent counts as "truant" and will result in the school immediately notifying the police.

HAUMĀNA ACTIVITIES

'Aha Haumāna/Haumāna Government

Haumāna in grades 5-12 are eligible to represent their hui or project in Kanu o ka 'Āina's 'Aha Haumāna, or haumāna council. The 'Aha Haumāna is designed to foster haumāna involvement in the growth of Kanu o ka 'Āina, advance leadership skills of our haumāna, and

to increase school spirit. Kanu o ka 'Āina believes that haumāna input can improve and strengthen our school in ways that adults could not do alone by bringing new energy and ideas. Kanu o ka 'Āina's 'Aha Haumāna involves haumāna in meaningful ways by providing opportunities for haumāna to demonstrate their talents, skills, and interests while continuing to develop new skills that can be transferable to the workplace or community. To be eligible to participate, monthly grade checks must show that haumāna are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, are currently passing all classes with a C or better and are on track to graduate.

Athletics

Kanu haumāna in grades 9-12 may compete in Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) sports as a member of the high school team in the district in which they live if Kanu is not able to offer that sport. Mākua are responsible for transportation for practices and to all formal events and competitions. Information on how to join a school team can be obtained from Uncle No'eau Lindsey, Kanu's athletic coordinator. You may contact him at noeau@kalo.org.

To be eligible to participate, weekly grade checks must show that haumāna are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, are currently passing all classes with a C or better, and are on track to graduate. Haumāna must also adhere to all behavioral expectations. Haumāna referred for violations of school rules which result in suspension, including in-school suspension and/or community service, will not be allowed to participate in any team practices or games for 10 school days beginning with the date of the infraction.

School-wide Cultural Events

Kanu haumāna participate in a variety of cultural activities across all grade levels. Major activities are highlighted below:

Huaka'i: As a project and place-based school, the environment serves as outdoor laboratories to enable haumāna to extend their experiences beyond the classroom walls thus expanding their knowledge and comprehension. Huaka'i are learning experiences that all hui, elementary and secondary, are encouraged to plan and implement. At the early levels, mākua are a critical partner with the kumu in sharing these experiences with their children.

Pu'ukoholā Cultural Festival: Every August, a contingent of Kanu haumāna, 'ohana, and staff participate in the Pu'ukoholā Cultural Festival in Kawaihae.

These experiences include service-learning projects such as assisting with preparing the park for the festival, providing ho'okupu (offerings) and food for participants, helping to carve pahu drums for the ceremony, and participating in hana no'eau workshops at Pelekane Bay.

Kā Waimea Makahiki: In 2006, Kanu initiated a community celebration of fun filled activities that allow community members of all ages to engage in traditional Hawaiian games of skill and

strength, hana no'eau or arts and crafts, and feasting on foods of the lands. Makahiki is in honor of the Makahiki season in November, traditionally a time of peace, thanksgiving, and rejuvenation of human and natural resources in Hawaiian culture.

Kani Ke 'Ō: This event brings the entire school together in raising their voices and music together to celebrate with one another. Each grade level selects songs of their choice to share with the learning 'ohana and larger community.

Festival of Lights: This exciting event happens in December and centers around the spirit of giving. This event is where 'ohana and the community are invited to come to campus and browse through a wonderful selection of crafts, food, games, and more that can be purchased. A wide array of cultural and modern items are usually on display.

Hula Drama: This is the culminating activity for the school year in which all hui participates in sharing what they have learned throughout the year through oli, mele, chant and dance with the entire community. These authentic cultural performances blend cultural and academic learning and validate achievement in true cultural representation.

Research Trips, Huaka'i & Special School Events

Haumāna may participate in overnight, inter-island, out of state trips, and in special school events (on and off campus) provided they fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- **Grade Point Average:** Within 1-2 weeks (kumu discretion) of the event, haumāna must maintain a 2.0 GPA confirmed by a grade check, are currently passing all classes with a C- or higher, and are on track to graduate.
- **Behavior:** Haumāna will have no behavioral referrals for violations of Kanu rules that would result in suspension (in or out of school) and/or community service. Haumāna referred for violations of Kanu rules that result in suspension, including in-school suspension and/or community service will not be able to participate in any aforementioned event(s) for 10 school days beginning with the date of the infraction.
- **Attendance:** Haumāna must attend school regularly with no excessive absences reported.
- **Kumu Clearance:** Haumāna must be cleared for participation by all kumu responsible for his/her instructional program. Kumu have the discretion to determine if a haumāna will be allowed to participate in an educational field experience. If a haumāna is denied the privilege to participate, the kumu will meet with the haumāna and mākuā to explain their decision. When it is an activity the entire hui is participating in, non-participation may affect the haumāna's grades. Administrators have final discretion for approvals.

**It is important to note that Moloka'i Makahiki participation adheres to separate and more rigorous standards that involve participation in cultural ceremony and higher academic performance measures.

HAUMĀNA HEALTH

Pupil Health Record

Hawai'i State Law requires that all haumāna meet certain health requirements, including appropriate immunizations, before they may enter any school in the state. The only allowed exceptions are for medical or religious reasons, if the proper forms are completed and returned to the school. Proof of the following is required by law for haumāna entering a Hawai'i school for the first time:

- tuberculosis clearance
- physical examination
- complete series of required immunizations.

Proof of fulfillment of these criteria is recorded on the "DOE Haumāna Health Record" card, which may be obtained from the Kanu o ka 'Āina office. The card must be received by Kanu o ka 'Āina prior to the start of the school year. Haumāna will not be allowed to attend Kanu o ka 'Āina without TB clearance. Haumāna entering Kanu for the first time must also provide a certificate of birth or other legal verification of their chronological age.

Additional updates to health records, which may include a physical, can be expected for incoming Kindergarteners and incoming 7th graders.

Emergencies

During rare occasions, it may be necessary to close school due to unforeseen emergencies such as inclement weather, an earthquake, or loss of basic services like water. In these instances, a mass parent telephone/email/text alert will be activated informing parents of the emergency and include instructions for student pick-up. Haumāna in grades 6 or higher, who live in close proximity to the school, will be allowed to leave campus on their own if permission is provided on the haumāna's emergency card.

All haumāna in grades 5 or below must be picked up from school or a designated emergency shelter. Children will only be released to adults listed on their emergency card. Mākua are responsible to list reliable and available adults on your child's emergency card and notify the office of changes in address, work, or emergency telephone numbers throughout the school year. Haumāna will not be released to anyone under the age of 18 even if their name appears

on the emergency card. Photo ID will be requested on anyone listed that is not known to our office staff.

Health Insurance

Due to the outdoor nature of our curriculum and frequent research trips into the environment, all children attending Kanu o ka 'Āina must have health insurance.

Haumāna Medication(s)

The only person authorized to administer medication to haumāna is the Public Health Nurse upon completion of form PHN/SHS36. Kanu is not serviced by a DOE public health nurse and therefore, no medications will be administered by school staff. If a haumāna needs medication during the day, Kanu can store the medication in the office until the haumāna calls for it to self medicate provided the mākuā has completed Form PHN/SHS36. Mākuā also have the option to come to school to administer the medication at the appropriate time during the school day.

All prescription and over-the-counter medication brought to school must be turned in to the school office for safekeeping during school hours. Haumāna are NOT allowed to share prescription and/or over-the-counter medication with any other haumāna. For questions or concerns, haumāna and mākuā are asked to contact their child's kumu/advisor or the office staff. Haumāna with life-threatening allergic reactions have emergency action plans and procedures on file with the school office.

Chronic Health Conditions

All haumāna with special health needs, such as asthma, allergies, and other chronic health conditions must complete the information on the back of the Haumāna emergency card. Based on the information provided, an Emergency Action plan will be developed by Kanu o ka 'Āina in collaboration with the family and the DOE public health nurse (PHN).

Head Lice (Uku)

The school follows the suggested preventative procedures outlined by the Department of Health. These routines include periodic head checks. If a haumāna has eggs and/or lice in his/her hair, mākuā will be immediately notified. If evidence of uku are found in a specific hui, notices will be sent home to mākuā of the specific hui to alert them to monitor their child. If the outbreak extends to more than one hui, an alert will be sent to all of our 'ohana.

'Ai Pono

For children to reach their highest level academically, it is imperative that they eat three well balanced meals per day. Haumāna should have a nutritious breakfast before coming to school

or eat breakfast at school. In addition, haumāna should bring home lunch or eat lunch at school.

Haumāna are provided time for short breaks during the day and are encouraged to bring healthy snacks to consume during those times. Healthy snacks to bring to school include fruits, vegetables, kalo, 'uala, 'ulu, bagels, sandwiches, crackers, pretzels, boiled soybeans, boiled peanuts, roasted soybeans, nuts, cheese, yogurt, dry fish, smoke meat, 100% fruit juice, milk, water, and more.

The following are not acceptable snacks: Soda, sugar drinks, candy, donuts, gum, etc.

Staying Hydrated

Being well hydrated is absolutely essential for academic progress. All haumāna should come to school daily with a clean and full water bottle. Haumāna should drink water regularly to prevent thirst and dehydration.

HAUMĀNA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

School Hours & Piko

Kanu's school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday. Friday is from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon for Kindergarten through 12th grade students. The pū for piko will sound at 7:55 a.m. Kumu and haumāna will gather at this time for the piko. Piko begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Cell Phone Calls

Cell phone calls and text messaging during instructional time is prohibited. We ask that mākua call the school office if you need to speak with any of the kumu or need to leave a message for your children. Office staff will be happy to deliver your message to the appropriate party. Upon entry onto campus, cell phones should be turned off completely and kept in the student's personal bag. Cell phones may not be accessed at any time during school hours unless special prior approved arrangements are made with kumu or the Po'okumu. Cell phones may be turned on after closing assembly or after study hall/tutoring for those that are on mandatory study hall/tutoring. Kumu may choose to collect phones, secure them for the school day, and return them at the end of the day.

Most kumu have graciously provided mākua/guardians with their home and cell phone numbers for you to contact them during after school or evening hours, not during school time. Please help us preserve instructional time by following through with this request.

Uniforms and Dress Code

All haumāna are required to wear Kanu o ka 'Āina polo shirts daily. Kanu uniforms consist of solid, colored polo shirts (collared) emblazoned with the official Kanu logo. At least one of the shirts must be red with a gold logo (official shirt for special occasions). Polo shirts may be purchased from any source and must be devoid of any messages or logos. Shirts should be dropped off at the school office for printing the official logo at a cost of \$2.00/shirt. A new online system for ordering shirt may also be implemented during the school year. Collared polo shirts must be worn daily to all classes except when engaged in designated huaka'i or project-based work.

During certain huaka'i or project hana when haumāna are working in the environment, Kanu t-shirts may be worn. Kumu will let haumāna know in advance so they come to school prepared. Altered shirts are not allowed under any circumstance.

Pants, shorts, skorts and skirts worn to school must adhere to the dress code guidelines listed below. Haumāna not appropriately dressed will be cited for dress code violation and will not participate in school until he/she is dressed appropriately. Mākua will be called and asked to bring a Kanu shirt or other appropriate articles of clothing for their child. If a mākua cannot be reached, the haumāna will be loaned a shirt (if available) until appropriate clothing is brought in by the mākua. The haumāna will be responsible for laundering the loaned shirt and for returning it the next day. If the shirt is not returned, the mākua/guardians will be charged for the replacement cost of the shirt. Middle and high school haumāna are placed on detention if they arrive on campus without their uniform.

Exceptions to the dress code can occur on a haumāna's birthday, special holidays determined by the school, and/or on special fun days approved by the Kanu administrative team.

Haumāna are encouraged to wear clothing that is appropriate to their learning site and clothing that will not interfere with learning. Clothing that is too loose or too tight, provocative and/or revealing, and/or promotes drugs, alcohol, nudity and/or profanity through language or images/obscene gestures, is considered inappropriate attire.

Underwear including bra and straps should be concealed at all times. Also, midriffs, piko, and 'ōpū must be covered at all times and no bare backs. Exceptions are made for water activities requiring bathing suits or swimming trunks. However, cover-ups must be worn whenever haumāna are not in the kai. This includes traveling to and from school and when doing hana at a work site.

Below the waist:

- **Pants:** Must fit the waist and should not be sagging. Buttocks must be covered at all times. Pants/Jeans should not have any holes or rips in them.
- **Shorts/skort/skirts:** Must fit the waist, not be form fitting or sagging, and be a reasonable length that allows the wearer to sit or bend without revealing undergarments. Shorts/skort/skirts should not have any holes or rips in them.
- **Overalls:** Must be worn with an appropriate shirt, all straps must be worn up, and overalls should not have any holes or rips in them.

Above the Waist:

- **Tank Tops:** Must have 1" straps or wider, no spaghetti straps, halter, strapless or backless and no tube tops
- **Blouses:** No revealing or see-through shirts. Blouses should be modest, without cleavage visible.

Aloha Fridays

Students may wear aloha attire that meets dress code regulation on Fridays instead of Kanu polo and dress code bottoms.

Hats, Hoodies and Dark Glasses

Hats, hoodies and dark glasses must be removed prior to entering school buildings and/or classrooms as well as during piko. Violations to this policy will result in these items being confiscated by school staff and may or may not be returned at the end of the school day. Kanu administration understands that there may be instances where medical reasons require the use of prescribed dark glasses. Kanu administration will review situations on a case by case basis.

Personal Electronic Media Devices

iPods, MP3 players, portable bluetooth speakers or similar electronic devices are disruptive to the educational process and are not allowed once on campus unless at the discretion of kumu. While Kanu understands that families use cell phones for safety and security reasons, cell phones and bluetooth speakers may not be turned on during the school day and must be securely stored or risk confiscation by kumu and staff if used during school hours and in the building after school hours. This includes lunch, recess, restrooms, lanai or any other area deemed inappropriate. Phones should be stored in backpacks or school bags and not be visible (even in jeans or shorts pockets). In some instances, kumu may collect and keep phones locked up

within the school day.

Consequences:

- First offense: Taken away and picked up after school from office/administration
- Second offense: Taken away, parent notified, and student assigned detention.
- Third offense: Taken away, parent notified, detention assigned. Electronic devices turned in daily to the office for the remainder of the year.

Frequent misuse will result in confiscated items being held until the end of the semester or year and haumāna being placed on detention and/or loss of privilege to have a cell phone at school.

Personal Learning Device (PLD)

iPads and other electronic devices may be used as a learning tool under kumu direction in the classroom. The PLD must be on the desk and visible at all times displaying only educational related materials that enhance instruction. It is the kumu kuleana to direct and actively monitor use of these devices in their classrooms.

Skateboards and Other Similar Moving Devices

Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, skates, shoes with wheels or similar devices are not to be ridden on the Kanu o ka ‘Āina campus at any time. This includes after school hours. Haumāna riding bicycles to school should walk them up the driveway to the appropriate bike rack for storage. This is to ensure the safety of all haumāna and staff. Haumāna who bring these items to school must turn them into the office when entering campus and pick them up before leaving campus.

Library and Textbook Policy

Haumāna may be assigned textbooks and may also be able to check out classroom library books. All books assigned or checked out are the responsibility of the haumāna who will be charged for any lost or defaced books assigned to him/her.

Financial Obligations

All financial obligations incurred by haumāna and/or ‘ohana must be cleared as soon as possible before the end of each semester (December and May). See the office staff at the main school office. Uncleared debt will cause haumāna report cards to be withheld until full payment is received.

Public Display of Affection (PDA)

Public display of affection is defined as publicly exhibited intimate acts between people. Intimate kissing, sitting on laps, laying on another person, intimate hugging and/or intimate touching is not allowed at school, while on school grounds and/or during school functions. Public display of affection does not include holding hands, and or other displays of affection of non-sexual nature (including honi), as appropriate among 'ohana members.

Mālama Kula

Haumāna are expected to participate in maintaining a clean campus. Trash should be deposited in appropriate receptacles and all appropriate materials recycled.

After School Tutorials and Study Hall

Kumu may provide after school tutoring for students on a case by case basis at their discretion. This does not preclude mākuā from seeking private tutorial services from external providers at their own cost if their haumāna are having difficulty meeting academic requirements.

Kapu Items (Contraband)

These items pose a potential risk to ensuring Kanu haumāna can learn in a safe and nurturing environment, and have no place in school. Please leave these items at home:

- Laser lights or similar devices
- Flammable items such as lighters, matches, fireworks or aerosols
- All electronic entertainment devices
- Pets, toys, cards or items used for collecting, trading or playing
- Knives or firearms (this includes toys or real)
- Other objects that can be deemed dangerous or disruptive
- Electronic cigarettes or vaping devices
- Bluetooth portable speakers
- Alcohol

Computer and Network Privileges

Illegal use of computers, ipads, and network includes using Kanu o ka 'Āina computers for any activities that are prohibited by state and/or federal laws. Further guidelines describing appropriate use are listed under "Computer & Network Privileges" below.

Haumāna are expected to use computers, ipads, and the Internet to communicate, acquire and process resources, and pursue intellectual activities. The internet may not be used for any illegal (as defined under state & federal law) or unethical purposes, as well as purposes which conflict with the goals of the internet policy of Kanu o ka 'Āina.

Use of technology at Kanu o ka 'Āina is a privilege. With this privilege comes responsibility.

The following are only a few examples of abusing technology privileges. You can receive discipline for other things as well. When you are not sure, ask!

- Haumāna may not use the computer or ipads (e-mail, web pages, Facebook, etc.) to harass, intimidate, bully or otherwise annoy another person or group; this includes changing or accessing any file that is not yours.
- Haumāna may not illegally distribute or duplicate unauthorized copyrighted or licensed material (pictures, video, music, etc.).
- Haumāna may not post, send, and/or retrieve pornographic material, inappropriate text, graphic files, hate-violence and drug related materials or files that might affect the computer, ipad, or the network.
- Haumāna may not use school computers or ipads to download music of any kind from the internet unless specifically asked to do so by a kumu.
- Haumāna may not use the computers or ipads during school hours for personal purposes unless directly related to an assigned school-related task or as approved by a kumu.
- Haumāna must shut down computers or ipads after use and return for appropriate storage.
- Haumāna must keep computers (Chromebooks or MacBooks) or ipad devices clean and free of damage.
- If a computer or ipad case is assigned or provided by the school, haumāna will keep the device in the case, unless instructed otherwise by a kumu..

Middle and high school haumāna are assigned personal Chromebooks or MacBooks that may be taken home for their use. Elementary haumāna in grades 1-5 may be assigned a Chromebook that may be taken home to use. Haumāna in Kindergarten will have the use of ipads that may be taken home if requested by the kumu. A separate agreement is completed when Chromebooks, MacBooks, or ipads are assigned.

Kanu o ka 'Āina's Technology Team, as well as the Administrative Team, reserves the right to

investigate and monitor any accounts, servers, or machines/devices and deal with offenses as appropriate. Unauthorized use of the network, intentional deletion or damage to files, and/or data belonging to other people or copyright violations are against the law, and considered the same as theft, a class A offense. Such violations or even suspicion of illegal activity may result in notification of appropriate legal authorities.

In addition, any haumāna who violates computer/internet rules/ipad use and/or whose actions constitute a potential security risk, may be restricted to limited access with electronic monitoring and/or denied access to Kanu o ka 'Āina's network. Permanent loss of network access and computer privileges may result in denial of re-admission, since use of computers is absolutely essential for long-term educational success at Kanu o ka 'Āina.

Cyber bullying via cell phones, internet or any handheld electronic device will not be tolerated. Any haumāna guilty of this offense will be disciplined accordingly.

Securly

Kanu utilizes a student safety and device management system called Securly. Every student device is closely monitored by the system and our technology department, and will alert school administration and the tech. department of any inappropriate actions. Every action done on the device is monitored by the system. Examples are as followed:

- Any Google or internet searches
- Actions taken on any Google platform location (including things written in Google Docs)
- Youtube searches and videos watched

HAUMĀNA BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

Positive Behavior, Academic, and Cultural Support

As a values-based school, Kanu o ka 'Āina is committed to establishing, reinforcing, and maintaining an atmosphere of aloha among all of its learning 'ohana members. This is achieved by haumāna and adults demonstrating positive attitudes and genuine respect for one another.

Specifically, Kanu o ka 'Āina's school-wide approach to support positive haumāna behavior consists of three levels of support, which provide an effective model for fostering positive haumāna behavior and academic success. Each of these three levels of support is critical to achieving successful outcomes.

1. Haumāna, families and community
2. Kumu, faculty, and support staff
3. Administration

Haumāna, Families and Community ‘Ohana Involvement

Kanu families are the strong foundation upon which all other aspects of the curriculum and haumāna development are based. It is the first level of support for haumāna. Research confirms that haumāna are more committed to meeting behavioral expectations if their families are actively involved in their school lives. Kanu o ka ‘Āina staff works closely with families to assure that mākua and guardians understand and support common rules and expectations. Maintaining open communication with keiki, kumu, counselors, and administration will help mākua be informed about their keiki's needs and progress. In addition, mākua and guardians are encouraged to participate in Kanu o ka ‘Āina's school-wide behavior support planning and delivery.

Communication

A multitude of communication methods will be utilized throughout the school year. Each kumu will specify expectations for their class. Schoolwide announcements will be delivered through email and the school messenger system. Schoolwide messages may also be sent over the Seesaw platform for elementary students. The school newsletter called Hunehune Kalo will also be used to inform ‘ohana.

5th-12th Kanu families are also expected to monitor their child's growth by accessing their PowerSchool accounts several times each week. If email or PowerSchool support is needed, please contact the main office.

Modeling Appropriate Behavior

All Kanu o ka ‘Āina staff and adults affiliated with our extended learning ‘ohana including mākua and guardians, are expected to model appropriate behavior, and act in a way that demonstrates our values, behavioral expectations, code of conduct and our quest for excellence. Older haumāna are expected to be responsible kaikua‘ana, or older siblings, to our younger haumāna, modeling pono behavior and kūlia i ka nu‘u. Younger haumāna are expected to be kaikaina pono, or proper younger siblings, by listening to and learning from your kaikua‘ana.

Academic Achievement – Kūlia i ka nu‘u

At Kanu o ka ‘Āina we believe that every child is capable of academic success. As a result, we expect and encourage all haumāna to perform at their personal highest level and continuously exhibit their efforts to try their hardest. Mākua are encouraged to seek tutoring and other appropriate programs that benefit their keiki's academic achievements. Creating a home environment and a time and place for completing school assignments will benefit the

keiki. We know that haumāna are more likely to demonstrate appropriate behavior when they are able to successfully focus their energy on learning and when they receive positive reinforcement for doing so.

Kumu, Faculty, & School Support Staff

We believe that a positive kumu - haumāna relationship is essential to providing a sense of place, safety, support and stability for each haumāna. In addition, a bond of aloha and trust between the haumāna, his/her kumu and his/her mākuā is a crucial factor for haumāna success. The kumu, faculty and staff are the bridge that keeps us on the right path. They are the second level of support for our keiki and 'ōpio. All behavioral strategies and interventions utilized at Kanu o ka 'Āina are congruent with Hawaiian cultural values, are child-centered, and appropriate for the age, gender, cognitive, emotional, and personal backgrounds of the haumāna involved. Kanu o ka 'Āina staff work together to assure that consequences are applied consistently across hui and school-wide settings.

Data Collection - Monitor Intervention Effectiveness and Haumāna Outcomes

In order to determine its effectiveness, all positive behavior programs, strategies, and interventions used at Kanu are consistently monitored, tracked and reviewed. This allows support team staff and kumu to evaluate the impact of interventions on haumāna behavior and academic outcomes and to make changes as needed. A diverse team of staff members and experts review behavior policies, strategies, and interventions on a regular basis. Interventions that do not show improvements in haumāna outcomes are modified or replaced.

Advisory Program

Advisors & kumu are expected to communicate regularly with mākuā, updating them on student academic progress and potential concerns. Moreover, all mākuā issues or concerns involving haumāna should first be discussed with the haumāna's advisor or kumu, since he/she has the most contact with the student. Haumāna are encouraged to communicate openly and frequently with their advisor and kumu as they explore and exercise their own sense of community and belonging.

Advisors and kumu are responsible to provide written information to KOP of all haumāna infractions, misbehavior, lack of effort and/or practicing cultural traditions and values. As a proactive approach, advisors and Kumu will also report any outstanding achievements and growth patterns of haumāna to KOP so that those outstanding measures are also recognized and appreciated. Advisors and kumu will communicate these items to the haumāna's mākuā or guardians and document all communication via the school haumāna information system. Counselors may work with haumāna to address these issues and keep advisors and administration apprised of significant issues that may impact haumāna performance in school.

Staff Training and Professional Development

It is essential that everyone on the school staff feels highly qualified and fully committed to successfully implementing Kanu o ka 'Āina's behavioral expectations and multi-level behavioral support plan. As a result, our entire staff receives ongoing training and follow-up to ensure consistency in expectations, interactions with haumāna, and delivery of consequences. Professional development underscores the importance of maintaining consistent standards of behavior at all times, provides staff with tools to avoid arbitrary or punitive punishments and/or rewards for specific haumāna, and trains advisors, kumu, and other staff to implement and document interventions as intended.

Implementation & Support Services

When first and second level interventions are no longer successful, more intensive interventions may be necessary. In addition to administrative interventions, referrals to outside government agencies and/or to highly trained professionals may be in order for more serious issues. Some of these issues may include behavior & conduct offenses, academic deficiencies, special needs services or complex counseling needs beyond the capacity of Kanu support staff. Kanu is committed to assist mākuā in finding the support they need to deal with their child's issues.

Administrative Support

The final level of support for haumāna is school administration. Administrators are ultimately responsible for all programs, policies and practices implemented at Kanu. Mākuā place responsibility for the care and growth of their haumāna in the hands of the school for a large portion of a haumāna's day. It is therefore imperative that administrators are vigilant in ensuring that the haumāna learn in a safe and secure environment that fosters haumāna growth academically, socially and emotionally. At Kanu we have made a conscious choice to use positive behavior interventions with our haumāna to help them grow into confident and secure adults who are able to make decisions through careful analysis of possible consequences of their actions. We expect haumāna to be held accountable for their actions while helping them to understand and evaluate other courses of action that might lead to different outcomes. It is our intention that haumāna from Kanu know the difference between pono behavior and inappropriate behavior and will have the foundation knowledge, cultural appreciation and values to make the right decisions.

HAUMĀNA DISCIPLINE

Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

Kanu believes that all students have the right to an education in a safe, secure learning environment. Students are expected to conduct themselves responsibly and be held accountable for their actions to ensure optimal learning for all. Kanu is intentional in its goal to provide haumāna with the skills, structure and guidance that enable them to make responsible decisions about their behavior and to apply consistent, logical consequences that will help them to succeed. Severity and frequency of infractions determine the level of consequences assigned. Together we practice our school-wide behavioral expectations: ALOHA, MĀLAMA, KŌKUA, and MAHALO.

Haumāna Conduct

In keeping with our values-based educational model, Kanu sets high expectations for haumāna conduct in and out of the classroom. All haumāna are expected to:

- Behave in a safe and orderly manner.
- Treat all members of the school community with respect and aloha.
- Follow all school and classroom rules.
- Complete assigned work and turn assignments in on time.
- Be a contributing member of each class/project/activity.
- When a haumāna fails to conduct himself/herself in accordance with our expectations or violates school rules and regulations, disciplinary procedures are initiated.

Haumāna who infringe on the rights of others will understand that their actions have consequences.

Kanu's discipline plan is designed to support positive behavior and teach, counsel, provide consequences, and redirect unacceptable conduct.

Kanu believes that conduct outside of school is a reflection on the school and on its 'ohana. Therefore, haumāna are expected to conduct themselves with the same respectability expected of them while in school. This is particularly important when engaging in after school or off-campus activities, especially while wearing Kanu logo gear and/or interacting with others over various electronic mediums.

Kanu o ka 'Āina believes in school discipline that:

- Creates and preserves a safe and orderly educational environment.

- Helps each haumāna develop positive qualities and values that promote good character.
- Helps each child realize that he/she is responsible and accountable for his/her own actions and consequences of those actions.
- Upholds the value of respecting the dignity and rights of every individual so that we can maintain an environment of mutual respect and trust at Kanu o ka 'Āina.
- Supports the mission, vision, beliefs and philosophy of Kanu o ka 'Āina in perpetuating Hawaiian traditions.

At Kanu we believe that consequences for missteps in behavior should not interfere with the instructional day and/or haumāna learning. As a result, most disciplinary actions take place during after school hours. In some instances, mākuā may be required to accompany their child in a public apology to the learning 'ohana during piko. Suspensions from school are kept to a minimum and used only in severe offenses and/or as an emergency measure to prevent further incidents from occurring. Serious infractions and/or ongoing disciplinary actions may result in dismissal from school.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

All school rules are in effect:

- While on school grounds including all outdoor learning sites,
- During school hours whether on or off campus sites, and during a school-sponsored activity.
- While traveling to or from a school or a school-sponsored activity.

Disciplinary Policy

There may be times when haumāna do not display appropriate behavior. All Kanu staff who witness inappropriate behavior are required to initiate a referral to correct the wrongdoing. Similarly, haumāna who observe inappropriate conduct should report the incident to an adult.

Plagiarism and Cheating Policy

Plagiarism is cheating and is not permitted. A student that engages in plagiarism and cheating will be assigned class C consequences. Examples of plagiarism and cheating include:

- Passing off someone else's work as your own.
- Taking credit for something that is not your work.
- Not citing sources when using direct language from someone else's work—includes

website information.

- Paraphrasing (not quoting) information without citing a source.
- Exchanging class information with other students, such as copying tests or homework.
- Putting your name on group work that you did not participate in.
- Cutting and pasting
- Writing class/course content on hands, clothing, etc. and utilizing it during exams, etc.
- Any use of cheat sheets, notes or study guides during exams, etc., without kumu permission.

Progressive Discipline

Kanu employs a progressive discipline process when dealing with haumāna misconduct. Mākua are a critical part in the process to assist haumāna in problem solving to make better judgments and decisions.

As a culturally responsive learning 'ohana, it is important to engage all parties in meaningful and purposeful dialogue or kūkākūkā in a respectful manner until all kuleana and issues are understood, resolved, and are pono.

Kumu are the first point of contact with mākua/guardians when misbehavior occurs. They will deal with the infraction with the haumāna when the infraction first occurs following the step-by-step procedure below:

Behavioral System for individual C and D offenses

All offenses are tracked progressively by semester.

1. 1st infraction, kumu will notify the student of a breach with a verbal warning. Kumu may choose to implement a consequence.
2. 2nd infraction, student is notified of 2nd infraction. Kumu shall have a discussion with student at an appropriate time and will implement a consequence. 'Ohana is notified by kumu. Kumu logs in the infraction before leaving campus at the end of the school day.
3. 3rd infraction, student is notified of 3rd infraction. Kumu sends the student to the designated KOP team member with a note. In some instances, school administrators or designated support team members may be called to the class.
 - Kumu completes a referral form and sends it to the designated support team member before leaving campus at the end of the school day.
 - 'Ohana notified and a conference to be scheduled by the designated Ka 'Ohana Paepae team member, kumu, or advisor.

- Student is responsible for retrieving missed assignments and notes from classmates or the kumu.
 - Expectations to be discussed at 'ohana meeting along with decided consequences. Possible in-school suspension and/or detention to be issued.
4. 4th infraction, Kumu sends the student to the school administrator or designated KOP team member with a note.
- Kumu completes a referral form and sends it to administration before leaving campus at the end of the school day.
 - 'Ohana to be notified within 24 hours and a meeting to be scheduled.
 - 'Ae Like contract to be drafted and to be discussed at 'ohana meeting.
 - In-school suspension and/or detention issued by the Po'okumu.

*If continued infractions occur, out of school suspension will be issued. If infractions continue to occur, the student may face possible dismissal or a disciplinary transfer.

Behavioral System for B offenses

1. 1st infraction. Kumu walks the student over to the designated KOP team member or Po'okumu:
 - Kumu completes a referral form and sends it to the designated KOP team member and Po'okumu before leaving campus at the end of the school day.
 - Out of school suspension issued by the Po'okumu; parent to pick up student immediately.
 - 'Ohana conference to be scheduled by the Po'okumu before or upon students return to school.
 - Student is responsible for retrieving missed assignments and notes from classmates or the kumu.
2. 2nd infraction. Kumu walks the student over to the designated KOP team member or Po'okumu:
 - Kumu completes a referral form and sends it to the Po'okumu before leaving campus at the end of the school day.
 - Out of school suspension issued by the Po'okumu; parent to pick up student immediately.
 - 'Ohana conference to be scheduled by the Po'okumu.
 - At the 'ohana conference, an 'Ae like contract to be drafted and reviewed.
 - Students are responsible for retrieving missed assignments and notes from classmates or the kumu. If suspended for more than 10 days, the school will

provide access to their coursework.

If a student accrues three (3) Class B Offenses in a single school year, they will possibly face a disciplinary transfer out of Kanu.

Class A offenses - ZERO TOLERANCE

Kanu has ZERO TOLERANCE for Class A Offenses. Immediate crisis suspension may follow. Upon any infraction, the Hawai'i County Police may be contacted immediately and Kanu will investigate and follow up on a case-by-case basis. Disciplinary policies and procedures will be implemented. Student becomes the responsibility of the parent to pick up from the police.

EXAMPLES OF INFRACTIONS

Class D Offenses – Violations of School Rules

Class D Offenses - are offenses prohibited by school rules.

- **Disrespect/Non-Compliance** – Unacceptable in the school environment, at any huaka'i, or school sanctioned event. This includes disrupting learning and teaching.
- **Dress Code Violation** – Failure to follow the school dress code and uniform requirement.
- **Horseplay/Posturing** – inappropriate physical activity that may harm another; acting without thinking about ramifications.
- **Contraband** – Kapu items such as: laser lights, lighters, matches, all electronic entertainment devices, pets, toys, skateboards, roller blades, aerosol cans, cards or items used for collecting or trading, and other objects that can be deemed dangerous or disruptive are forbidden at school. Any infractions will result in confiscation of the item.
- **Hats, hoodies and dark glasses** – Hats, hoodies and dark glasses must be removed prior to entering the school building as well as during piko. These items are best kept in haumāna backpacks for safekeeping.
- **Food** – Chewing gum anywhere at school and eating in the classrooms and hallways without permission.
- **Money** - bringing money to school is not permitted, unless it is used to pay for fees, (or turned into the office).
- **Tardy** – Not reporting to class or school on time.
- **Violation of school wide behavioral expectations (cultural goals) is unacceptable.**

Class C Offenses – Prohibited by Kanu

- **Abusive Language** – Verbal messages that use words in an inappropriate way may include but are not limited to swearing, name-calling, or profanity. Profanity directed to an adult will not be tolerated and result in automatic suspension.
- **Class Cutting/Leaving Classroom or Education Space Without Permission** - Not attending

class, walking out of class without permission, being in off-limits areas, abusing permitted errands or bathroom breaks.

- **Insubordination** – Refusal to obey an order or instruction by a teacher or other staff member. Refusal to do assigned coursework. Creating a classroom disruption. Using defiant, disruptive, disrespectful behavior toward any adult.
- **Plagiarism and Cheating**
- **Truancy/Leaving Campus Without Permission** – Absent from the school campus without authorization from a school official or mākuā, which includes walking off campus after reporting to school. Safety and security of the haumāna is the primary concern, therefore, a call to mākuā will be initiated and/or the Police Department contacted for assistance.
- **Smoking or Possessing Tobacco** – Use sale or distribution of tobacco products on campus or at school sponsored events.

Class B Offenses – Prohibited by Law

- **Bullying (for students in grades K-8)** – Written, verbal, graphic or physical act exhibited toward another that causes mental or physical harm to the recipient and/or creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment to the recipient.
- **Cyber bullying (for students in grades K-8)** – Cyber bullying is the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others. This includes social media such as Facebook, cell phones, etc. to denigrate others and/or their family members. These mean-spirited actions can have devastating effects for victims and their families and will not be tolerated at Kanu.
- **Cyber security** – No sharing of school issued passwords to any other person outside the intended user without expressed consent from a Po'okumu.
- **Disorderly Conduct** – Engaging in fights or threats with intent to harm or cause a violent response.
- **False Alarm** – Causing a false emergency alarm, such as pulling a fire alarm.
- **Forgery** - A student signing a name other than the student's own name on a document.
- **Gambling** - staking or risking something of value upon the outcome of a contest of chance or a future contingent event not under the person's control or influence, upon an agreement or understanding that the person or someone else will receive something of value in the event of a certain outcome.
- **Harassment (for students in grades K-8)** – Any threatening, insulting, or aggressive conduct, which can be written, verbal, or physical.
- **Inappropriate/Questionable Use of Technology** – Inappropriate use of computers, electronic devices and/or programs prohibited by Kanu technology guidelines.

- **Theft** – Purposefully taking the possession of another individual or organization for ownership.
- **Sexual Harassment (for students in grades K-4)** - Unwanted touching or grabbing of sexual parts, indecent exposure, or a forceful sexual encounter.
- **Theft** - Obtaining, or exerting control over, the property of another and depriving that person of the property.
- **Trespassing** - Entering or remaining in or upon the premises of any school, or department of education facility after reasonable warning or request to leave by school authorities or police officers.

Class A Offenses – Prohibited by Law

- **Assault** – Causing serious injury to another person, with or without a dangerous object.
- **Bullying (for students in grades 9-12)** – Written, verbal, graphic or physical act exhibited toward another that causes mental or physical harm to the recipient and/or creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment to the recipient.
- **Burglary** – Stealing something by breaking into a building, car or private property.
- **Cyber bullying (for students in grades 9-12)** – Cyber bullying is the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others. This includes social media such as Facebook, cell phones, etc. to denigrate others and/or their family members. These mean-spirited actions can have devastating effects for victims and their families and will not be tolerated at Kanu.
- **Dangerous Instrument** – Any explosive device, substance, chemical capable of causing bodily injury or death such as knives, pipe bomb devices; fireworks, pepper spray, martial arts devices, pipes or sticks used as a weapon.
- **Illicit Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia** – Possessing, using, distributing or selling of alcohol, marijuana or other illicit drugs; possessing drug paraphernalia.
- **Alcohol** - Possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol products on campus or at school sponsored events.
- **Extortion** - Taking something from someone by threatening to hurt them.
- **Fighting** – Instigating or provoking physical contact involving anger or hostility.
- **Firearms/Weapons** – Having or using any type of gun, knife or instrument designed to inflict personal injury to another.
- **Harassment (for students in grades 9-12)** - Any threatening, insulting, or aggressive conduct, which can be written, verbal, or physical.
- **Property Damage** – Willful damage to property of someone else or destroying or damaging school property (such as graffiti and vandalism)
- **Robbery** – Threaten to sue, force or to inflict injury upon someone to obtain

objects/items from someone.

- **Sexual Offenses (for students in grades 5-12)** – Sexual assault, sexual exploitation, or sexual harassment. Unwanted touching or grabbing of sexual parts, indecent exposure, forceful sexual encounter.
- **Terroristic Threatening** – Threatening physical injury to another or to seriously damage another person's property.

Serious discipline is applied for incidents that negatively impact the safety and security of others and/or the school learning environment. These actions are not taken lightly and may result in the most severe form of discipline that can include dismissals, a disciplinary transfer to another school, crisis removals, or suspensions exceeding 10 days or more. Students suspended for more than 10 days are provided with access to their course work.

In serious discipline cases, mākuā, haumāna and administration will meet to discuss the incident. After investigating the incident, administration will share their findings and decision with the family verbally and follow-up with a decision in writing.

Written notice should include information about the alleged acts committed, findings of the investigation and a statement of the disciplinary action imposed. In serious discipline cases resulting in expulsion, dismissal, or disciplinary transfer, mākuā should be informed of their right to appeal the administrative decision to the Governing Board whose decision will be final.

It should be noted that serious discipline is the last recourse for administrative action.

Resolving issues using the cultural practice of kūkākūkā is the preferred course of action at Kanu in which all parties come to a mutually acceptable agreement, however school wide haumāna safety must be maintained at all times. Parents may request a kūkākūkā with school leadership to appeal a decision before a final disposition and appeal to the Governing Board.

Appeal Process

Only serious discipline decisions resulting in expulsion, dismissal or disciplinary transfer are subject to appeal to the Governing Board. Mākuā may request a meeting with the Governing Board within five days of receiving written notice to appeal the serious discipline decision.

Administration and mākuā will have an opportunity to present their information and evidence to the Governing Board. Mākuā may also call upon others to assist in their appeal. The decision of the Governing Board is final.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Drop Off & Pick Up

Haumāna are dropped off at Kauhale 'Ōiwi o Pu'ukapu in designated areas for Hālau Pōki'i, Ho'olako, Hālau Puke, and Hālau Ho'okipa.

Haumāna drop-off is between 7:30 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. No supervision is provided prior to 7:30 a.m.

Elementary after school drop-off and pick-up follows a staggered arrival and dismissal schedule Monday through Thursday and on Friday. Elementary haumāna in grade K-2 may be picked up in the circle area between Hālau Pōki'i and Hālau Ho'olako. Upper elementary haumāna in grades 3-5 will be picked up in the area fronting Hālau Ho'olako. Middle and high school pick up is in the area fronting Hālau Puke and Hālau Ho'okipa..

Lower Elementary 2:45-3:00 pm M-TH and 11:45-12:00 pm Friday

Upper Elementary 2:50-3:05 pm M-TH and 11:50-12:05 pm Friday

Middle & High 3:00-3:15 pm M-TH and 12:00-12:15 pm Friday

No parking or standing is permitted in the circular drive during pick up and drop off. Mākua are encouraged to park in designated parking lots if needed.

Secondary haumāna are dismissed at 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday and at 12 noon on Friday. Pick up is in the area fronting Hālau Puke unless joining younger siblings in the circular drive in front of Hālau Pōki'i and Hālau Ho'olako.

A one-way traffic pattern is in operation from 7:00 am – 8:15 am and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday and from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on Fridays.

Visitor Policy

Visitors are always welcome at our various campus sites. However, in order to assure a safe environment, all visitors are required to sign in at the school office and obtain a visitor's pass before going to a class or designated location. No visitor is allowed to be on any campus site without a visitor's pass or alone with a haumāna at any given time. Moreover, all visitors must be mindful of our school-wide behavior expectations. At no time may a mākua or visitor directly approach a haumāna with whom their child may have an issue. These issues should be brought to the attention of a kumu or advisor, KOP member, or an administrator for intervention.

Haumāna wishing to bring an underage visitor to school must first obtain verbal permission from the teaching team and approval from school administrators. Upon approval, both haumāna, host, and visitor must:

- Bring a written permission note from their mākuā /legal guardian approving the visit to the office at least one week prior to the visit.
- Staff will contact mākuā/legal guardians of both haumāna to verify the arrangement. On the day of the visit, the host haumāna must sign in their guest at the office prior to protocol. Guests must wear visitor passes while on campus. No person under 18 will be allowed on campus without prior mākuā approval.
- All behavior expectations for visiting haumāna are the same as for Kanu haumāna. It is the responsibility of the host to educate the visitor about Kanu's behavior expectations prior to the visit. Visitors that violate these expectations will be removed and prohibited from returning.

Loitering in Off Limits Areas

To better supervise the haumāna during the school day, the areas listed below are off-limits to haumāna when not directly supervised by adult school personnel for school or class-related activities.

Hālau Pōki'i: No one is permitted on the parking lot side of the building during school hours.

Hālau Puke: No one is permitted in the parking lot areas at any time unless under the direction of their kumu.

Hālau Ho'olako Area: This area and the parking lot are off limits except for drop off or pick up or on official business.

Hālau Ho'okipa: This area and the parking lot are off limits except for drop off or pick up or on official business.

Parking Area: Loitering in the parking area or returning to the parking area is prohibited unless specifically authorized by kumu or administration.

Before and After school: Students may enter onto campus from 7:30 am on and may wait for Piko at their designated area. Students may stay after-school to engage in enrichment and extracurricular activities with direction and permission from their kumu and makua/guardian when permitted.

Playground Kuleana

Haumāna are expected to follow all safety rules when enjoying the playground/field area. Areas have been designated by cones to ensure that everyone will be safe from harm. Honor these divisions by playing in your own area.

The following safety guidelines are in place.

- Safety First!
- Treat one another with aloha.
- A staff member must be present to supervise children at all times.
- No fighting or pushing allowed.
- Do not throw objects that may hurt someone else.
- Watch out for younger haumāna.
- Take care of one another.
- Share and take turns with playground equipment.

Van Etiquette and Behavior

Haumāna transported in a school vehicle shall be under the authority of the driver of the van. Continued disorderly conduct or the persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for refusing transportation to any haumāna and for other punishment as the rules, regulations, and law may provide.

Designated stops include stops at the school, outdoor learning sites and excursion destinations. Haumāna may not make requests to the driver to make undesignated stops nor may mākuā make requests for undesignated stops including stores or residence, etc. Haumāna who exit the van at undesignated stops are considered truant.

All Kanu o ka 'Āina behavioral expectations apply when waiting for the van, when on the van and when disembarking from the van. All haumāna are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior and follow all safety rules. The very nature of van transportation necessitates an orderly atmosphere so that it is safe for both the haumāna to ride and the driver to operate the van. Behaviors such as swearing, eating, or creating a distracting atmosphere for the driver will not be tolerated!

Van/bus conduct rules are as follows:

- Remain seated, facing forward when the vehicle is in motion.
- Fasten seat belts! The driver cannot proceed otherwise, because it is the law!
- Eating, drinking and gum chewing while in the vehicle are not allowed.
- Talk quietly and make no unnecessary noise.
- Unnecessary conversation with the driver or the creation of any disturbance is not

permitted.

- Haumāna must conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to the safe transportation of the whole group. No live animals, birds, fish, reptiles, or insects may be carried in the vehicle.
- Keep your head, hands, arms and legs to yourself and inside of the vehicle at all times.
- Littering in the vehicle or throwing anything out of the vehicle is not permitted.
- Do not play or tamper with the vehicle or vehicle equipment including the radio.
- Immediately exit the van with all of your personal belongings (no saving seats / no “hanging out.”)
- Van riders are responsible for picking up after themselves and ensuring that the van is free of trash/litter before departing.

Searches and Seizures

The law provides school officials with wide latitude to search haumāna, their possessions, and automobiles, in the ongoing effort to maintain a safe and secure campus. When a school official has a reasonable suspicion that a haumāna may be in possession of contraband the haumāna will be asked to voluntarily relinquish all contraband or empty all pockets and to provide a school representative with access to other personal items which may include but are not limited to backpacks, purses, fanny packs, jackets, shoes, socks, other outer clothing, lockers, cars, which may contain contraband or dangerous objects. It is hoped all haumāna will be cooperative as the school representative will make every attempt to be unobtrusive and respectful of privacy.

Haumāna should be aware that “grounds for suspicion” commonly include being out-of-bounds without permission or a report by another haumāna, makua, or staff member of possession of contraband or dangerous objects. Haumāna should also be aware that any contraband found in their possession will be assumed to belong to them. Finally, if a haumāna should discover contraband or dangerous objects on campus or in his/her possession or know of contraband or dangerous objects in the possession of others (including staff) he or she should without delay report and turn over contraband or dangerous object directly to a teacher, administrator or other staff member. Failure to immediately report a contraband or dangerous object will be viewed as conspiracy and result in disciplinary action.

Child Abuse/Neglect

Kanu is bound by law to report all suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Human Services or the police. All cases are handled with the strictest confidentiality. When appropriate, mākuā will be notified of the reported abuse if it does not involve any family member however, mākuā consent is not required. To the extent permitted by law, Kanu will strive to balance the rights of haumāna with the rights of the haumāna’s ‘ohana.

Sexual Harassment

Unwelcome and inappropriate sexual advances, requests, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that creates discomfort in the recipient of this conduct is considered sexual harassment and is absolutely prohibited. All reports will be fully investigated and reported to appropriate authorities.

Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco Free School

Kanu o ka 'Āina is a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free school. Once on campus, smoking is not allowed (even in vehicles.) This applies not only to haumāna but also to ALL MĀKUA!

Possession, distribution, ingestion, use, manufacture, sale or delivery of tobacco, controlled drugs, illegal drugs and alcohol are prohibited at any of Kanu o ka 'Āina's classrooms, outdoor learning sites, parking lots, vans and/or at any school function, during the day or night.

IT TAKES AN 'OHANA

Being a member of the Kanu learning 'ohana is a special experience. We hope that you will enjoy spending your time with us as much as we will enjoy working with you this school year. We look forward to working with you to help our haumāna grow culturally, academically, personally and socially. He 'ohana kākou!