



**UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL**  
A Hawai'i Public Charter School

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August 10, 2020

Aloha ULS Parent and Guardians,

At a news briefing Friday, August 7, 2020, Gov. David Ige announced public schools on O'ahu would be doing distance learning for the first four weeks of the new school year. As stated in our ULS Return to Campus Plan, in the event that a school closure occurs due to state mandates in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, ULS is prepared to move all grades to a distance learning model. Therefore, a modification has been made to the ULS Return to Campus Plan for all ULS students (K-12) in order to align with this change.

ULS will be implementing a full distance learning model for the first four weeks (August 17 - September 11) of this school year. ULS will continue to closely monitor the situation and information shared by Gov. Ige and state agencies to make a determination as to whether or not students can safely return to in-person blended learning models. Should in-person classes be allowed to resume, ULS will commence the A/B blended (in-person and online) learning model for grades 6-12 and face-to-face model for K-5. An announcement will be made the week of September 7, 2020.

ULS will utilize Google Classroom (6-12), and Seesaw (K-5) as the main platform of delivery for curriculum and instruction. Google Meet will be used to conduct all live online classes (K-12). Students will use their school gmail account to access each teacher's Google Classroom or Seesaw page. Chromebooks will be distributed to students in grades K-8 and to high school students as requested. Powerschool will be activated for students and parents on Friday, August 14, 2020. More detailed information will be shared this week about the distance learning plan and online learning protocols.

August 17 remains the official start date for all ULS students. During this four-week period, full distance learning will be implemented.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve or as new health guidance becomes available, ULS will continue to adjust its ULS Return to Campus Plan to ensure that a safe learning and working environment is provided for students, teachers and staff. Updates about the school year will be posted on the [ULS website](#).

### **Technology Devices and other school issued learning materials for students**

ULS is prepared to provide devices for students in need in the event of statewide school closures. Students in grades K-5 will be issued a chromebook laptop to participate in the distance learning program.

Students in grades 6-8 will participate in a 1:1 laptop program. Students will be issued a Chromebook to be used in school and at home. These computers are a major component in the learning experience, both at school and at home.

Students in grades 9-12 will participate in a BYOD and high school borrow laptop program. Students will decide between using their own personal device or borrowing a school issued Chromebook to be used at home and in school. These computers are a major component in the learning experience, both at school and at home.

**Drive Through Pick-up of school issued learning materials- August 13 and 14, 2020**

This week Thursday (8/13) and Friday (8/14), we will be holding a drive through pick up for parents to receive school issued computers and other learning materials needed for distance learning. We ask that you come to campus within your scheduled time so as not to overcrowd the parking lot or cause traffic. Enter from the Metcalf campus entrance where school personnel will direct you to the pick up zone. To assist with the pick up, write your child’s last name and grade level in large print on an 8.5x11 inch paper and place it on the car dashboard. Materials will be handed to you or placed in your vehicle if you prefer. Parents/students will not be allowed to leave the car or remain on campus after receiving materials. If you are unable to pick up your child’s school materials at the designated date and time, please email [info@universitylaboratoryschool.org](mailto:info@universitylaboratoryschool.org) as soon as possible to make other arrangements.

**Thursday, August 13, 2020**

Grades K/1	Grades 2/3	Grades 4/5
9:30-10:00am	10:00-10:30am	10:30-11:00am

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
11:00-12:00pm	12:00-1:00pm	1:00-2:00pm

**Friday, August 14, 2020**

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
9:00-10:00am	10:00-11:00am	11:00-12:00pm	12:00-1:00pm

**Meal Order Forms**

We will return all payments and meal order forms already turned in.

**New Student Orientation-Cancelled**

The new student orientations scheduled for incoming kindergarteners and new grade 7-12 students are cancelled in light of the move to distance learning. Online orientation with new students will be scheduled once all students have access to their ULS Google email accounts. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to meeting all of our new students soon.

Mahalo,

A. Keoni Jeremiah  
Principal