



**UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL**

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Aloha ULS Parent and Guardians,

Yesterday, Monday, August 10, 2020, a letter was sent out notifying parents of a change due to Gov. Ige's announcement that schools will be doing distance learning for the first four weeks of the quarter. We have made changes to our ULS Return to Campus Plan, which includes the distance learning plan. We have included additional information in this letter pertaining to the opening of the school year under our revised plan.

**IMPORTANT!**

Your child has been assigned to **GROUP B SECTION B2**. Your child's first day of school is on Monday, August 17, 2020. Your child **will not** have online live classes that day, but he/she is required to login to their teacher's Google Classroom at the beginning of each class period to access the assignments or important class information. School starts at 7:45 and ends at 3:15 daily.

Your child will be required to attend online live classes on Tuesdays and Fridays. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, your child will be required to login to their teacher's Google Classroom at the beginning of each class period to access the class work assigned for the day.

Teachers will be starting to invite students to their Google Classroom this week. If your child has access to a computer at home, please direct them to check their ULS gmail account to receive these invites as well as other information shared with them from their teachers. If your child does not have computer access at home, they can check their ULS gmail accounts when they receive their school issued computer this week.

Mahalo,

A. Keoni Jeremiah  
Principal

**[ULS Distance Learning Plan](#)**

Please read through the [distance learning plan](#) to learn about the new updates regarding online learning for students in grades K-12. In the plan you will find the daily learning schedule for students in grade 6-12. This schedule will start on Monday, August 17, 2020 and continue for the next four weeks.

## Attendance

Student attendance is crucial this school year. Starting on Monday, August 17, 2020, students will receive an email with a Google attendance form at 7:40 am each day. Students are required to fill out the form and submit it before 7:50. This form will be used as the official school attendance record. If students submit the form after 7:50, they will be marked tardy. If students do not submit the form, they will be marked absent and parents will be called. Teachers will be taking attendance at the beginning of every online live class and also have an attendance form/assignment in their Google classroom on days your child does not have online live class. Administration will contact you if your child has an excessive amount of absences to school or to their classes.

## Grading

During distance learning, students will be held accountable for all work assigned to them. All assignments will affect a student's overall grade for each class. It is important that you read through each teacher's syllabus for their course. It will provide you information on the grading protocols. Please encourage your child to contact their teacher if they have questions or need support.

## **GRADE 6 MUSIC CLASSES**

The music department will be introducing a new grade 6 music program for this school year. Students in grade 6 will be learning beginning music theory, practice and appreciation. All ULS music teachers have extensive music knowledge and are prepared to teach this music program. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to build their foundational knowledge and music appreciation.

## **GRADE 10 SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES**

Students in grade 10 were placed in a second language class by a lottery process. As best possible, each of the three second language classes have an equal number of students based on the amount of students in the grade level.

## **STUDENT PLANNERS**

Student planners play an integral part of the Learning Laboratory class in middle school, and as an organization tool in high school. All students in grades 6-8 will receive their planner in the learning materials pick-up this week. High School students who ordered a planner and new high school students will receive their planner in their learning materials pick-up this week.

## **2020-2021 POWERSCHOOL ACCESS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

ULS utilizes PowerSchool, a web-based school information system. Through this system, we help provide students and their parent/guardian(s) access to their child's grades, progress, and attendance via the Internet.

- A technology access letter for new families was mailed last Friday. This letter provides information on how to set up your parent/guardian PowerSchool account.
- For returning families, if you have an existing PowerSchool account from last year, it will be reactivated beginning on Friday, August 14. You may continue to use your existing username and password that you set up previously.

If you need your access code again or have any technical support questions regarding PowerSchool, please contact one of our IT staff on the ULS PowerSchool hotline at 956-7649 or [powerschool@universitylaboratoryschool.org](mailto:powerschool@universitylaboratoryschool.org) after the first day of school.

### **Laptop Contracts and AUP Quizzes for SY 2020-2021**

Technology information was sent home in the June mailout. It shared important information regarding our ULS technology program. Thank you to those who turned in and signed the acknowledgement form which included the AUP and laptop contract agreements. If you haven't turned in your form, please do so as soon as possible.

#### **Parents of students in Grade 6**

This week you will receive an email with the laptop contract and a link to the training videos. Please read through the contract and watch the training videos. A google form will be included in the email for you to fill out acknowledging that you have read the contract and watched the video. The form is due by Monday, August 24, 2020. Students will receive their school computer this week at the pick-up.

#### **Parents of **new students** in Grades 7-12**

This week you will receive an email with a link to the training videos. Please take some time to watch the training videos. A google form will be included in the email for you to fill out acknowledging that you have watched the videos. The form is due by Monday, August 24, 2020. Students will receive their school computer this week at the pick-up.

#### **Parents of students in Grades 7-8**

Please check with your child that they have completed the Laptop Quiz and the AUP Quiz. Links to both quizzes can be found on the ULS website on the [Resources page](#). A reminder email was sent out to students to complete the quizzes before the first day of school. Students will receive their school computer this week at the pick-up.

#### **Parents of students in Grades 9-12**

Please check with your child if they have completed the Borrow Laptop Quiz or BYOD Quiz (depending on what they chose for this year) and the AUP Quiz. Links to all quizzes can be found on the ULS website on the [Resources page](#). A reminder email was sent out to students to complete the quizzes before the first day of school. Students who are borrowing a school computer will receive their school computer this week at the pick-up.