



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

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Aloha ULS Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire ULS faculty and staff, I want to welcome you and your family to the 2021-2022 school year. We have been working hard all summer to prepare and we are looking forward to seeing all of our students on campus for daily face-to-face instruction on Monday, August 9, 2021.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer break!

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Keoni Jeremiah".

A. Keoni Jeremiah
Principal

Meal Program Update

Thanks to a nationwide waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), all students at ULS will be eligible to receive free lunches for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year. Federal funds will reimburse state education departments for a large portion of meal costs.

Although federal funding will cover a significant portion of the cost of lunches, it does not cover the entire cost. The difference between the actual meal price and the federal reimbursement and all unused meals will be an operational cost to the school. Therefore we will need an accurate count of how many students will be participating in the lunch program. If your child will participate in the school lunch program it is vital that they pick up their lunch and eat their lunch every day. Lunches that are not picked up could cause a problem for the school with having a large amount of food waste to deal with. Please talk to your child about the importance of eating school lunch before signing up for lunch. Once you have decided, please complete the linked [Meal Order Form](#) on or before **Tuesday, August 3, 2021**.

The waiver aims to minimize the possible spread of COVID-19 at schools across the country by eliminating meal payment transactions in school cafeterias, and settings where students and cashiers may not be able to maintain proper social distancing.

Additional meals taken will be charged a normal rate of \$5.60 per meal.

Parents are still highly encouraged to submit their Free and Reduced Price Lunch Meal Benefits applications, as information derived from the application may impact eligibility for other programs, such as bus transportation and Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) food assistance. Please complete the paperwork and submit it to the school office as soon as possible.

2021-2022 Student and Parent Handbook

Our 2021-2022 Student and Parent Handbook which outlines all of our school policies and procedures, including our school health and safety protocols is now available on our school website on the Resources and at this [link](#). An acknowledgement form will be sent home for parents and students to sign indicating that you both have read the handbook and agree to adhere to the policies and procedures therein.

Student Travel Policy with Regards to COVID-19

If your child will be traveling within 10 days of the first day of school, Monday, August 9, 2021, parents will need to notify the school immediately and follow the return to school procedures for travel (listed below).

ULS adheres to all state and local guidance for travel and travel restrictions. Students and employees are subject to the out-of-state and inter-island Safe Travel program requirements in order to return to a worksite or campus following any travel. Check the Safe Travel website for more information on state travel guidelines <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/travel>.

Student travelers must follow all applicable state and county rules at the time of the trip, including compliance with any required quarantine periods.

Students returning from Inter-Island Travel

1. Students will no longer be required to provide proof of a negative test result for inter-island travel.
2. It is important that parents still notify the school of any inter-island travel for attendance purposes.

Three (3) options for students returning from out-of-state (mainland and international) travel:

1. Be fully vaccinated* prior to the start of out-of-state travel and provide proof of vaccination to the school;
2. Obtain a COVID-19 test after return and submit a negative test result to the school; or
3. Quarantine for 10 days after return.

*People are considered fully vaccinated two (2) weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two (2) weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

ULS will accept the following:

1. Screenshot, or scan of negative test results. Must clearly show the student's name, the test site and result.
2. Screenshot, scan, or picture of vaccination card. Must clearly show the student's name, and dates of vaccination.

Parents should submit these documents by emailing attendance@universitylaboratoryschool.org as soon as possible. Upon receipt, ULS will notify parents if their child has been cleared to return to school.

ULS must receive these documents **before** the student can return to school. If a student comes to school without clearance or with documentation in hand, parents will be called to pick up their child immediately. ULS requires time to approve clearances and make updates to student attendance status.

Information on COVID-19 Vaccinations

ULS is currently collecting data on the number of vaccinated students, faculty and staff we have in our school community. This information is confidential and will not be shared or used for any other purpose other than to inform the school of your child's vaccination status. We request that parents

fill out this short survey, one survey response for each child enrolled at ULS, at your earliest convenience. Link to the survey is [HERE](#).

If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the [State of Hawai'i COVID-19 portal](#) for more information. The COVID-19 vaccine is currently recommended for people 12 years and older to aid in the prevention of COVID-19 in our community.

Technology Email to Students (grades 7-12)

The technology email regarding laptop use for the 2021-2022 was sent to students on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Please check with your child that they received the email and are working on completing the two required quizzes. Quizzes need to be completed before the first day of school in order for your child to receive a school issued laptop or use their BYOD (for grades 9-12 only). Students can also access these quizzes on the school website on the [ULS Technology page](#).

New Student Orientation

The new student orientations scheduled for incoming kindergarteners and new grade 6-11 students and returning/new grade 7 students have been scheduled for **August 5-6, 2021**. To keep with social distancing protocols, only students will be allowed to attend. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their child on time and cannot wait on campus during the orientation.

To help us prepare for the orientation, we are asking parents to RSVP by clicking on this [LINK](#). The RSVP is due on or before **Tuesday, August 3, 2021**.

Grade 7 Student Orientation Thursday, August 5, 2021

Drop off and pick up is on the Metcalf Street drop off area (see map on page 23 of the Student/Parent Handbook). Orientation starts at 8:00am, and ends at 10:00am.

New Grades 8-11 Student Thursday, August 5, 2021

Drop off and pick up is on the Metcalf Street drop off area (see map on page 23 of the Student/Parent Handbook). Orientation starts at 10:30am, and ends at 12:00pm.

New Kindergarten Students Friday, August 6, 2021

Drop off and pick up will be at the Zone 1 parking lot drop off area near the MPB (see map on page 22 of the Student/Parent Handbook). Orientation starts at 8:00am, and ends at 10:30am.

New Grade 6 Students Friday, August 6, 2021

Drop off and pick up is on the Metcalf Street drop off area (see map on page 23 of the Student/Parent Handbook). Orientation starts at 8:00am, and ends at 11:00am.