



UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

A Hawai'i Public Charter School

November 9, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we head into the holiday season, we want to take this time to once again thank you for your support of ULS. We will continue to do our part to ensure the health and safety of our students and look forward to successfully finishing our first semester of in-person learning. Enclosed in this school memo are important dates, reminders, and information.

We wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season.

Mahalo,
ULS Administrative Team

Upcoming Calendar Events

November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 16	Last day of school for students K-12
December 17-January 3	Winter Break
January 4	First day of school for students K-12

Strive HI, Hawaii State Assessment (HSA), and Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA)

The Hawaii State Department of Education recently released the 2020-2021 results of the Strive HI Performance System, Hawaii's public school accountability and improvement system. Measures associated with the Strive HI system include data on student proficiency in English language arts/literacy, math, and science as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA); student growth in English language arts/literacy and math; chronic absenteeism; 11th grade ACT results; high school graduation rates; college enrollments; and achievement gaps. School results are based on measures from the previous school year; in this case, the 2020-21 school year. For more information on the Strive HI system, please visit the Hawaiipublicschools.org website: [Strive HI Performance System](#). Here is the link to [ULS' Strive HI-2020-2021 Report](#). Strive HI Highlights for ULS:

- Highest graduation rate in the state, with 100% of our students graduating in four years.
- Ranked third in the state for college enrollment, with 90% of ULS graduates (c/o '20) enrolling in college.
- Lowest chronic absenteeism rate in the state.

Hawaii State Assessment Reports

For those students who were enrolled at ULS in the following grade levels 3-8 or 11 in the 2020-2021 school year, your child will be given a copy of their 2020-21 Smarter Balanced Assessments (gr. 3-8, 11) and Hawai'i State Assessment Science (gr. 5 and 8) Score Reports to bring home **on Wednesday, November 10 in homeroom**. These score reports are for your records. This guidance document, available at this [LINK](#), should be read prior to analyzing 2021 HSAP results in order to make the best use of those results. If you would like more information about the HSA test results, you can visit: [alohahsap.org](#). If your child was enrolled at another school when the HSA was administered and you have questions, we encourage you to contact your child's previous school.

Panorama Student Perception Survey

The Panorama Student Perception Survey is a confidential student survey that provides the school and teachers with student feedback to enhance teacher practice and improve the learning environment. Additionally, the survey results will be used to calculate the school climate measure for the Strive HI accountability system. The survey will be administered to students in grades 3-12 in school on the following dates: 11/23 - Grades 3-5 | 11/24 - Grades 6-12

School Calendar 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 School Calendar can be found on the [ULS Website](#) on the homepage under Quick Links and in the Resource Section. It is also linked [HERE](#) for your convenience.

ULS Student Travel

As a reminder, parents are to notify the school anytime your child(ren) will be traveling off island whether during the school week, on weekends, holidays or breaks. ULS requires that any student who travels off island for any reason at any time, must be cleared by the school in order to return per our health and safety protocols outlined in our Student/Parent Handbook. ULS is currently following the state's Safe Travels Program, however, ULS may add additional measures to our travel protocol if we deem it necessary. Refer to page 37 in our handbook for the ULS travel protocols. Please email attendance@universitylaboratoryschool.org to inform us of any travel plans. We will then notify you of the return to school protocols for travel. Learn about the new rules now in effect for fully vaccinated international travelers at hawaiiicovid19.com/travel/.

Health and Safety

We would like to remind all parents to please keep your child at home when not feeling well. If there are people in your household that are sick (siblings, parents, or extended family members), keep your child home even though they themselves may not be sick. Email attendance@universitylaboratoryschool.org to report the situation and absence. We will respond with our clearance protocols.

Students should not come to school if they or someone in their household is awaiting COVID-19 test results due to being exposed to a positive case. Notify the school right away by emailing health@universitylaboratoryschool.org at any time (nights, weekends, week days) and we will respond with our COVID-19 protocols. Get updated information on free COVID-19 test options, hawaiiicovid19.com/testing-isolation-quarantine.

Health and Safety Updates - DOH

The COVID-19 vaccine has recently been approved for children ages 5-11. The COVID-19 vaccine is currently recommended to aid in the prevention of COVID-19 in our community. See hawaiiicovid19.com/vaccine

LumiSight

We continue to ask for your help and cooperation in completing the LumiSight health check in for your child(ren) each morning. LumiSight is an important tool in keeping our students, faculty and staff safe and healthy so that we can come to school for in-person learning. The ULS Booster club is sponsoring [LumiSight weekly prize giveaways](#). To enter your child in the weekly random drawing, please complete the LumiSight check in for your child each morning before coming to school. The weekly winners will be announced each Friday in the daily bulletin. This event will go until the end of the semester. Mahalo ULS Booster Club!

Recycling Drive

If you've been wondering what to do with all your Hi-5 recyclables, we've got a solution for you! The Global Leadership students will be holding a drive-through recycling event at school on Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 9am to 11am. The event is focused on drawing attention to the importance of the 3R's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to help the environment. The money used from all the donations will go back to the school to help fund programs for ULS students. Volunteers will be on hand to grab your recyclables from your car and get you on your way. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations- University Laboratory School

We are proud to announce that ULS has received [GreatSchools.org's inaugural College Success Award – Gold!](#) The College Success Award recognizes and celebrates public high schools that excel in ensuring students prepare for college, enroll in college, and succeed once they get there. We want to thank and celebrate our students, teachers, staff, and families that have made this honor possible. Link: [2021 College Success Award – Gold – University Laboratory School](#).