



State of Hawaii  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Aloha Ka’ōhāo School ‘Ohana,

Ka’ōhāo School is planning for full in-person learning for next school year using current guidance from the [Hawaii Department of Health](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control](#). We will start the school year implementing the DOH Essential Core Strategies and additional recommended mitigation strategies (i.e. cohorts, physical distancing, increased ventilation, etc.) It is anticipated that state and national guidance will be adjusted over the next few months which will further advise our plans. There are no plans for having a separate virtual academy.

**School Hours**

	M-F	
First Arrival	7:45 - 7:55 am	
Second Arrival	7:55 - 8:05 am	
	MTThF	Wed
First Departure	1:50 - 2:00 pm	1:00 - 1:10 pm
Second Departure	2:00 - 2:10 pm	1:10 - 1:20 pm

The following are the HDOH core essential strategies and mitigation strategies with notes on our operational procedures.

**HDOH (rev. 3/2021) Core Essential Strategies (p. 3)**

To be implemented in every situation. Because of the effectiveness of these strategies, in-person learning always requires these strategies be implemented in every situation.

Staying home if unwell and go home if become unwell at school
Consistent masking
Hand hygiene

**HDOH (rev. 3/2021) Mitigation Strategies (p. 4)**

To be applied in combination to the greatest extent possible, with priority given to those strategies higher on this list.

Cohorts	Yes, 2 cohorts per grade level
Physical Distancing	Yes, students seated 3 feet apart when possible
Ventilation	Introducing additional outside air
Physical Barriers	As needed where masking and physical distancing cannot be maintained
Cleaning	High touch areas

**Operations**

Class Size	Return to normal class sizes
Tardies	Yes
Specials Classes	6 Art, Lib, PIH, PE, Tech, SEL
Recess	By cohorts, 2 recesses for morning and lunch
Field Trips	Limited with social distancing on transportation
Large gatherings	Following State and City and County Guidance
Travel	It is recommended that families avoid unnecessary travel and should follow Safe Travels Hawai'i procedures.

Additional information will be provided to families over the summer and as we get closer to the new school year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [wsakurai@kaohaoschool.org](mailto:wsakurai@kaohaoschool.org). Stay safe!

Mahalo,

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