



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Aloha Farrington High School Parents and Guardians

It's been several weeks since I last communicated with you about the dramatic impact of COVID-19 on the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) and Farrington High School (FHS). This crisis is truly unlike any we have experienced before and as we move forward, change and uncertainty is what we continue to face daily.

I wanted to provide you with the latest update of our Distance Learning Plan. As you know, our traditional, in-school instruction is on hold until schools reopen in May. Until then we will continue to provide rigorous and relevant enrichment activities that will keep your child engaged and on task at home during the extended school closure.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Although the school campus remains closed, our teachers have been working remotely off-campus. They have been meeting through WebEx conferences, collaborating and planning with their respective departments to continue providing enrichment activities to your child which will include online resources, new content, and extended learning opportunities. Remember to have your child regularly check their farringtonhighschool.org gmail accounts for communication with their teachers. If you or they have any questions, please email their teachers. The standard email address is firstname.lastname@k12.hi.us. A complete list of teachers and counselors will be on our website.

INSTRUCTIONAL PACKET PICK-UP

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday April 15-17, your child can drop off work completed and pick up a new instructional packet. Drop off and pick up times are 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Feel free to come on any day if you can't make it during your designated time. If you can access your classes online, you do not have to pick up a packet.

GRADING

We finally received the 30-page grading guidance from HIDOE. It can be found at the following address for your review:

<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/DOE%20Forms/Emergencies/HIDOEGuidanceLongTermSchoolClosure.pdf>

The following are decisions on grading during school closures and distance learning:

- Final grade for 2nd semester 1-credit courses will be determined by utilizing their 3rd term grade which ended on March 13, 2020. For example, if a student received a B for their 1 credit course in term 3, their final grade will be a B. If they want to bring up their grade, they need to make sure to do the enrichment activities provided by their teacher.
- Students who failed a 1-credit class in term 3, can improve their grade during the 4th term. Also, any student who is not satisfied with their 3rd term grade, can also work to improve their grade
 - The grade improvement and increased grade point average (GPA) will be reflected in the Final Year Grade and transcript, not the term 3 grade.
 - 4th Term grades will be NOT be included on the report card, only a final grade.
 - Students will be provided multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency until May 28, the last day of the school year. Deadline for Seniors to improve their grade is May 20, if they want to participate in graduation (if not canceled).
 - Official grading for ½ credit courses in Term 4 starts on Monday, April 13. A list of ½ credit courses that will be graded is listed at the end of the letter. Students enrolled in these courses will get an official grade that will be reflected in their GPA. If a student fails these classes, they will have to repeat the class in the summer or next year.
 - Courses that a student doesn't need for his/her graduation requirement will not be graded and used for enrichment purposes. Teacher feedback will be given on those assignments.
- All seniors will be receiving grades for their classes.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

A decision by HDOE on whether or not FHS graduation ceremonies will take place as scheduled is anticipated by the end of this week. Once we find out, we will pass on the outcome to our entire school community.

SENIOR PROM REFUNDS

We are almost done processing all the Senior Prom bid refunds. Once completed, we will mail them out to the parent/guardian listed on the student's contact information. If you have moved or your address is incorrect, please call 305-5000 and leave a name and phone number. We will call you back to get your address corrected.

SENIOR CAP AND GOWNS

We anticipate all caps and gowns to be delivered to the school by April 17. We are working out a drive through pick up sometime during the week of April 20th. Again, we will let you know.

JUNIOR PROM PICTURES

If your junior took photos at the prom, they can pick up their photos on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (April 15-17) from 8:30-11:00. Pick up will be in the hallway fronting rooms 121 and 122, opposite the library. You can park in the library parking lot.

During this difficult time, we understand that many of our students and families are facing a multitude of hardships. We are here to help you in any way. Give us a call at 305-5000 and if we

don't have the resources at the school level, we will find the answers and reach out in the community to help you.

I want to assure you that FHS, our faculty, staff, students and partners are strong as ever. For over 80 years, we have been working with and guiding the youth of Kalihi through their educational journey and I know together, we will come out of this crisis better and stronger as a school community.

This continues to be a new experience for all of us, and we are most successful when we work together and keep the lines of communication open and flowing. Let us know how we can support you and your child during these difficult times. Although these are trying times for us all, I remain optimistic that our school community will return to normal and thrive once again in the near future.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the school at 305-5000. Thanks again for making Farrington High School the best high school in the State.

Continue to do things The Farrington Way and remember: Once a Gov, Always a Gov.

With Great Pride



Al Carganilla
Principal

½ Credit Courses required for graduation that will be graded

Senior Social Studies
Participation in Democracy
Modern Hawaiian History
Health
PE

EXPOS 2

½ credit elective courses that could be graded if student needs it for graduation

Applied Music
Weight Training
Body Conditioning
Team Sports
English 10 Lab B
Pre-Calculus (students enrolled in Pre-Calculus who want a grade should make arrangements with their teacher)

Driver's Ed classes will NOT be graded.