

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

It is the Hawaii State Department of Education's (Department) goal to ensure equity, empowerment, and excellence in education for all students. Thus, we acknowledge our students' voice as they are stakeholders in our efforts to enhance teacher practice and improve the overall school climate. Your child's perspective is highly valued. We thank you for being our partners as we work together to educate our students this school year.

To learn more about student experiences, all students in grades 3-12 will be invited to participate in two different surveys.

- 1. Panorama Student Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Survey
- 2. Panorama Student Perception Survey (SPS)

#### Panorama SEL Survey

The Panorama Student SEL Survey will be administered at three points this school year. Your child will be asked to reflect on their own social-emotional learning skills, like self-awareness, growth mindset, and grit. More information about the SEL survey is available for review on the Department's website at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/HawaiiSEL">https://tinyurl.com/HawaiiSEL</a>.

To maintain confidentiality, online survey responses are transmitted directly to the same survey company for processing. Individual responses will be reported to the school, where principals, counselors, and teachers will use the results to provide support in the development of students' social-emotional learning skills. Summarized student-response data are reported to the Department's state and complex area leadership teams, unless otherwise requested.

#### Panorama Student Perception Survey

Administered once a year, your child will be asked to complete the Panorama Student Perception Survey and respond to topics related to their classroom and whole school experiences. Survey results will help teachers reflect on their classroom practices.

Individual student answers are confidential and will not be tracked. To maintain confidentiality, online survey responses are transmitted directly to the same survey company for processing. Summarized student-response data are reported to the Department's state and complex area leadership teams, principals, and teachers to help improve educational practices. Individual responses are not reported.

Both surveys are voluntary; however, your child's views are important to ensure a quality educational system. If your child does not feel they have enough information to answer a question, they may skip the item altogether. Each survey should not take more than 20-30 minutes to complete. We ask for your assistance in encouraging your child to participate and respond honestly to the survey questions.

#### Please note:

- If you choose to have your child participate in the surveys, no action is required.
- If you prefer to opt your child out of the surveys, please complete the attached Student Survey Declination Form by the listed deadline and return the form to the school.

We thank you for your cooperation and support. Should you have any questions about the SEL Survey, please call the Department's Student Services Branch, Student Support Section at (808) 305-9800. For questions about the Student Perception Survey, please call the Department's Assessment and Accountability Branch, Accountability Section at (808) 307-3650.

Sincerely

Joseph Passantino

Principal

### **DECLINATION FORM**

## Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Student Perception Surveys

If you <u>do not</u> want your child to take one or both Panorama Student Surveys, please return this form to school by <u>Monday</u>, <u>August 25</u>, 2025.

1	rk the appropriate boxes below, fill in your child's information, and n your name. Once completed, please return the form to the school.
To School:	
	My child <u>WILL NOT</u> participate in the Panorama Student SEL Surveys.
My child <u>WILL NOT</u> participate in the Panorama Student Perception Survey.	
Student Name:	Grade:
Parent	Teacher Name:
Parent Signature: _	Date:
	* The form is not valid if the parent's signature is missing.

This Declination Form is valid for the school year 2025-2026 only.