

# WHEA's Reopening Plan SY 2020-21

**Start Date: August 11, 2020**



WHEA's philosophy is to provide a unique approach to education, valuing authenticity and student direction.

**Dear WHEA Families,**

Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to provide a face-to-face on campus learning experience on a daily basis. We have developed a blended learning plan that will allow students to attend school weekly and provide a virtual distance component as well. We are required to follow all of the State of Hawaii's Department of Health and CDC Health and Safety Guidelines which is why having all our students come to campus every day would make it impossible to comply with these requirements. We are hopeful that we will enter the "New Normal" risk level soon which would allow all our students to return. Until then we will be developing a blended learning plan that will align with our school's vision, mission and beliefs in order to provide a "WHEA" experience for our students under these unfortunate circumstances.

In closing know that our school reopening plan is a work in progress and changes will happen in response to fine tuning our educational program and as the State's DOH/CDC guidelines are updated. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Heather Nakakura, WHEA Director

***Vision:*** Students become productive and responsible practitioners of collaboration and stewardship, evolving into lifelong critical thinkers who are confident in their ability to solve complex, real world problems.

***Mission:*** To facilitate authentic learning through integrative, hands-on, self-selected projects related to real world challenges

***Beliefs:*** Students learn best when confronted with meaningful, real-world challenges where they have a stake and voice in the selection of both the issues themselves and the means by which the issues are addressed. The type and depth of learning, as well as the quality, is enhanced through integrative studies. The use of integrative, project-driven curriculum increases motivation, stimulates critical thinking and problem-solving, and prepares students to face a rapidly changing world. Smaller learning environments where students feel safe, important and cared for are significantly more effective than larger learning environments.

### **COVID-19 Risk Levels & Learning Models**



We acknowledge that during the pandemic, individuals are safest at home. During “Recovery” and “New Normal” impact levels (as outlined in Hawai’i State’s Roadmap to Recovery [Governor's Plan](#)), WHEA will provide a blended model which includes both Face-to-Face and Distance Learning to students. Should we revert to “stay at home” again as in the spring of 2020, learning will revert to full Distance Learning.






<b>Stay at Home (Major Disruption)</b>	<b>Safer at Home (Moderate Disruption)</b>	<b>Act with Care (Minor Disruption)</b>	<b>Recovery (Minimal Disruption)</b>	<b>New Normal (No Disruption)</b>
Online distance learning and instructional packets.	Distance learning will continue.  Face-to-face instruction is provided in compliance with CDC and DOH guidelines for vulnerable learners for whom online learning is not appropriate.	Distance learning will continue.  Face-to-face instruction is provided in compliance with CDC and DOH guidelines for vulnerable learners and early grade levels (K-2; SPED PreK).  Based on an evaluation of operations, personnel, and facilities, face-to-face instruction may include additional groups of students.	Face-to-face instruction in compliance with CDC and DOH guidelines is allowable for all students.  Blended learning and distance learning may be used to reduce the number of students on campus to enable social distancing.	All students are allowed back on campus.  HIDOE will continue to monitor the public health situation for any changes.


### **Health & Safety**

The school recognizes that there is a certain level of risk involved when having students attend campus face-to-face. This risk needs to be balanced with the value in the social and emotional well being of our students. The following section outlines WHEA's procedures for students receiving face-to-face learning on campus. To do this as safely as possible, we are committed to implement recommended procedures as outlined in [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#).

### **WHEA's Safety Measures**

	<p>Enhanced Campus Cleaning Schedule</p>	<p>Classrooms and common areas will be appropriately cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected as directed by the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.</p>
	<p>Daily Health Checks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily health checks will be conducted for students and staff for any signs of illness in a safe and respectful manner using the following CDC screening questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><i>Do you feel hot or feverish?</i></b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Do you have a sore throat?</i></b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Have you been coughing and sneezing recently?</i></b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Do you have any trouble breathing?</i></b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Do you have headaches, sore stomach, muscle pain?</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Temperatures will be taken when needed to determine if a student has a fever using a thermal scanner.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">WHEA's Health Check Procedures for Students, Staff &amp; Visitors</a></p>

	Physical Distancing	<p>The school will follow the guidelines set by the DOH/CDC which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>6 Feet Social Distancing</u> - When students are participating in a class and/or outdoor activities such as projects.</li> </ul>
	Face Coverings	<p>An appropriate face covering or mask will need to be worn when students are walking throughout the campus common areas where it's difficult to socially distance and when going to the bathroom.</p> <p>The school's leadership team will be developing a specific plan for face coverings regarding classroom activities and outdoor activities based on the DOH's guidelines and HSTA contract agreement.</p>
	Lunch & Food Service	<p>It is HIGHLY recommended that students bring their own lunch. They may also purchase lunch from the school store.</p> <p><b>Microwaves will not be available to reheat food.</b> Students will be required to social distance during lunch time in designated areas on campus.</p>
	Hygiene	<p>Elevated hand washing will occur and classrooms and common areas will be equipped with additional hand sanitizing stations. Good preventive hygiene will be incorporated into the school day routine.</p>
	Isolating Symptoms	<p>If a student has 2 or more of the COVID symptoms they will be sent to our isolated health room and/or area. There will be several of these set up according to the DOH guidelines, if the need arises. Parents will be</p>

		<p>called and must pick up their child immediately.</p> <p>If a staff member has 2 or more symptoms they will be sent home.</p> <p>Anyone who tests positive for COVID will be asked to contact the school immediately. They will not be able to return to school until they have been cleared by a doctor.</p>
	<p>Transportation - County Hele On</p>	<p>The Hele On has stated that there will be no changes to their routes however space will be limited due to the social distancing DOH/CDC guidelines in place. Currently they are taking between 10 - 17 passengers depending on the size of the bus. <b>Please contact them directly. Hele-On Office 808-961-8744</b></p>

### **Additional Measures**

#### **Pre-Screening (prior to drop off):**

Prior to sending a child to school, parents are being asked to assist us in ensuring a safe campus by pre-screening your child. If your child isn't feeling well please keep them at home.

**Personal Items:** Students should not share their belongings with each other.

#### **Additional Safety Measures that WHEA is Taking:**

- Signage will be posted around the campus and on classroom doors to promote everyday protective measures to prevent the spread of COVID.
- Field Trips and Off Campus Projects may be permitted if within walking distance of the campus and/or parents drop off students directly at the field trip site. School vans will not be used until DOH and CDC guidelines allow.
- Computer Lab air conditioners will be equipped with UV air purifying units.
- Classrooms are well ventilated with 2 doors, windows, and ceiling fans.
- Visitors will be limited to essential workers. All campus and school tours will be cancelled.

**In Case of a Class or Group Outbreak:**

- Anyone exposed to the person or persons, including students, teachers and support staff, will be asked to quarantine for 14 days and submit a doctor's clearance before returning to campus.
- The school will notify all those that may have had contact with the infected person while complying with all FERPA guidelines.

**Entering & Exiting Campus:**

- All students MUST enter the school through the main entrance near the Administration building wearing their masks.
- If students need to leave campus prior to the end of the school, their parents (wearing a mask) must sign them out at the office. Their child will meet them there.

**Before & After School:**

- There is limited supervision prior to the start of school. For health and social distancing reasons students should not be dropped off earlier than 8:30am.
- Students will be able to wait in designated socially distance measured areas on campus prior to the start of school. They will be required to wear a face mask.
- After school there will be no supervision provided, except for students waiting for the bus. Parents will need to pick up their child as soon as school ends: 2:00pm for Middle School; 2:15pm for High School.
- Students and parents should contact their teachers via email regarding tutoring.

**WHEA's Learning Plan Options**

Parents may select which learning plan works best for their child.

**1. Distance Learning Option: (Group D)**

- a. Students participating in this option will need to attend virtual classes daily. Depending on their teacher(s) educational plan, this may include Zoom classes, Google Classroom, Khan Academy, Acellus, and Blackboard classes.



- b. A schedule will be developed for your child. Attendance will be taken at all virtual classes.

## 2. Proposed Blended or Hybrid Option (Groups A, B & C)

- a. Students will be divided into 2 groups (A & B) depending on the following factors: siblings, the bus, advisories, and any other factors that will affect the balance of the groups.
  - i. Each group will attend school 2 days on campus (face-to-face) and 3 days virtual learning.
- b. **Group C** will contain students that need additional support and have been identified as “vulnerable” such as those students with IEPs, 504 Plans and other factors that might hinder their academic success. These students may attend school more often depending on their individual needs.

### Sample Schedule for Middle and High School Students

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A on campus - Face to Face	Group A on campus - Face to Face	Group B on campus - Face to Face	Group B on campus - Face to Face	TBD
Group B at home - Distance Learning	Group B at home - Distance Learning	Group A at home - Distance Learning	Group A at home - Distance Learning	Group A & B at home - Distance Learning
Group D at home - Distance Learning	Group D at home - Distance Learning	Group D at home - Distance Learning	Group D at home - Distance Learning	Group D at home - Distance Learning

- 3. Virtual Classes will be taught either by the staff on Zoom or through an online curriculum such as Acellus or Blackboard.



- a. Individual teachers will determine the best platform to provide for their students' needs.
- 4. After School High School Classes - Chemistry will be offered online through Acellus.
- 5. After School Intramurals will be suspended until COVID DOH/CDC guidelines allow.
- 6. Other Helpful Links:
  - a. [HIDOE's Return to Learn Plan](#)
  - b. [DOE-HSTA MOU](#)
  - c. [New DOE-HSTA MOU](#)

#### **WHEA's Contingency Plan**

- Due to the nature of the COVID pandemic and changing DOH and CDC guidelines, the school may need to make adjustments to our plan. We are currently developing a contingency plan in case we are directed by the State to return to a complete distance learning program.

## **Pictures of WHEA's Campus**

The pictures below show various classrooms and learning spaces set up to accommodate for distance learning.

### **1. High School Hale Pea**



### **2. Multi Purpose Classroom**



### 3. Middle School Wet Lab



### 4. Kahua'aina Hale Pea

