



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) cares about your keiki and is aware that there are numerous social pressures and misinformation about the devastating impact of tobacco and e-cigarette products. As such, HIDOE is committed to working with you to keep your children away from these products. For your child's own safety, please talk to your keiki about making healthy choices and what the law is regarding these products for children under the age of 21.

According to Act 206 (2018), Section 712-1258, Hawaii Revised Statutes, it is unlawful for any student under the age of 21 to purchase or possess any tobacco product or electronic smoking device (ESD). An ESD is defined as any electronic product that can be used to aerosolize and deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device. This includes but is not limited to an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic pipe, and any cartridge or other component of the device or related product.

In addition, any tobacco product or ESD found in a student's possession is a violation of Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 19 and shall be seized by school administration and forfeited to law enforcement. This is pursuant of Act 206 (HB 1895, HD1, SD1, CD1), Part II, Section 8(5) effective July 1, 2018.

Should you have further questions, please talk to your school administration. At the state office, please contact Ms. Sheli Suzuki, Educational Specialist, Student Support Section, at (808) 305-9787 or via email at sheli.suzuki@k12.hi.us.

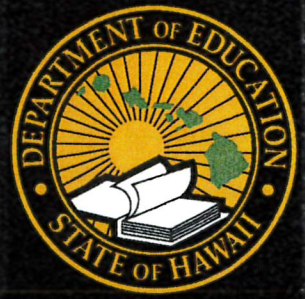
Sincerely,

Keith T. Hayashi
Interim Superintendent

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