




STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
P.O. BOX 2360  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

July 21, 2020

**Action Required**

TO: District Educational Specialists, School Principals (All) and Vice Principals,  
Public Charter School Executive Director, Public Charter School Directors

FROM: Heidi Armstrong   
Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Distribution of "Be Cool and Keep Our Schools Safe" Flyers and  
Parent Letter for School Year 2020-21**

The Reprographic Section will start disseminating copies of the *"Be Cool and Keep Our Schools Safe"* flyer and parent letter for school year 2020-21 by **Tuesday, August 4, 2020**. The flyer and parent letter shall be distributed to all students and their families by **Tuesday, August 18, 2020**.

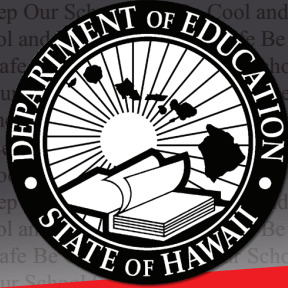
Should you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Sheli Suzuki, Educational Specialist, Student Support Section, at (808) 305-9787 or via email at sheli.suzuki@k12.hi.us.

Thank you for your continued efforts in sustaining the safety and well-being of all our students and school campuses.

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Attachments

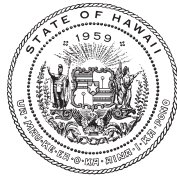
c: Superintendent  
Deputy Superintendent  
Assistant Superintendents  
Complex Area Superintendents  
State Public Charter School Commission



# WEAPON-FREE SCHOOL ZONE

# Be Cool AND KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE

Should a student bring a firearm to school,  
he/she will be ***dismissed for one calendar year.***  
Only the Superintendent of Education, on a case-by-  
case basis, may modify a student's dismissal.



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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

August 4, 2020

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

The safety and security of all students remain a priority for the Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE). "Be Cool and Keep our Schools Safe" is our annual statewide campaign to remind you and your child/children of the consequence for a firearm violation. Please share with your child/children the dangers of bringing a firearm to school. Should your child bring a firearm to school, he/she shall be removed from attending school for not less than one calendar year. Firearms are strictly prohibited on all of our school campuses, in your child/children's back packs, on the school bus and/or at any school related activities.

"Firearm" as defined by Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 8, Chapter 19 Student Misconduct, Discipline, School Searches and Seizures, Reporting Offenses, Police Interviews and Arrests, Restitution for Vandalism, Complaint Procedure and Investigation of Discrimination, Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment), Bullying and/or Retaliation means:

- (1) Any weapon, including, but is not limited to a starter gun, shotgun, air guns which includes BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, or cross bow or any other instrument which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile;
- (2) The frame or receiver of any such weapon;
- (3) Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or
- (4) Any destructive device. The term "destructive device" means:
  - a. Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas:
    - i. Bomb;
    - ii. Grenade;
    - iii. Rocket having a propellant charge;
    - iv. Missile having an explosive or incendiary charge;
    - v. Mine; or
    - vi. Device similar to any of the devices described in the preceding clause;
  - b. Any type of weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to expel a projectile, including but is not limited to a weapon that expels a projectile by action of an explosive or other propellant; or
  - c. Any combination or parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device described above, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

Only the Superintendent of Education, on a case-by-case basis, may modify a student's dismissal. If you have any questions, please contact your school's principal. Thank you for helping to keep our Hawaii schools safe for our children and school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina M. Kishimoto".

Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto  
Superintendent

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Attachment: "Be Cool and Keep Our Schools Safe" Flyer