



STATE OF HAWAII
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Aloha Seaside parents and guardians,

Recently we have had an increase in contraband items being found on our school campus as well as several incidences that now require us to reinstitute a rule on personal electronics. In order to ensure a safe and engaging learning environment for everyone, adults and students alike, the following expectations and procedures are to be followed here at LCPCS:

The EXPECTATION of everyone on our school campus is that we conduct ourselves in a manner that is safe and respectful of others. If violations occur that endanger a safe environment or require disciplinary action then our current School Safety - Student Discipline Policy, which includes the HI Department of Education's Chapter 19 rules, will be enforced.

Vaping devices/liquids and e-cigarettes:

If these items are seen on campus or reported to administration and found, they will be **confiscated** and a **3-day suspension of students involved in the possession or use of such items, will result**. Possession, use, or sale of drug paraphernalia, including vaping devices/liquid and e-cigarettes, is a Class A offense under our School Safety - Student Discipline Policy. Furthermore, possession or use of electronic smoking devices by persons under age 21 in public is prohibited by law [Haw. Rev. Stat. § 321-212 (2018)]. These items and any other related paraphernalia will NOT be returned to the students but will be forwarded to the Police Department as evidence of illegal possession. After the first offense, if further offenses occur for similar possession or use of contraband, suspension time will increase. In all Class A offenses a parent/guardian conference and behavioral contract for student(s) are required before the student(s) will be allowed back on campus.

Search & Seizure:

“Search” (as defined in Ch. 19) means if after requesting the student to voluntarily relinquish the contraband item(s) and the student refuses and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the student has violated the law or provisions prohibited under this chapter, or if there is a health or safety issue with illicit drugs, dangerous weapons, dangerous instruments or firearms, or a combination of the foregoing, the school official may examine the contents and belongings which may include but are not limited to purses, fanny packs, backpacks, jackets, shoes, socks, or any other outer clothing. “Seizure” means to take possession of the contraband item(s) that is or are uncovered during a search.

Personal Electronic Handheld Devices (PEHD):

These include personal (not school/instructional-related) tablets, e-readers, MP3 players, smart/cellular phones, and electronic toys. Students will no longer be allowed to use PEHD between the hours of 8:00a - 12:30p (Monday) and 8:00a - 2:15p (Tuesday-Friday). If these items are seen or heard students will be asked to turn them in to the office. 1st Offense: student will be allowed to pick-up item from the Office after school. 2nd Offense: a parent/guardian will need to pick-up item from the Office. Further Offenses: Minimum 1-day suspension.

We appreciate your cooperation with us in helping your children make healthy and appropriate choices, and in the event that they do not, your collaboration with us on our safety and disciplinary procedures as well as instituting actions that will provide for meeting our expectations of safety on campus.

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