



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

P.O. BOX 2360  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

August 30, 2021

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

In October or November, your child will be asked to complete the 2021-2022 Panorama Student Perception Survey. Your child's perspective is highly valued. Their responses to the survey represent her/his voice in enhancing teacher practice and the whole school climate. We are listening!

One part of the Educator Effectiveness System (EES) related to the evaluation of teacher practice is the student survey, also known as the Panorama Student Perception Survey. All students in grades 3-12 are eligible to participate in the Panorama Student Perception Survey. One component of the EES is Core Professionalism which encompasses the range of responsibilities and activities a teacher handles that are critical to students and schools. Throughout the school year, teachers engage in professional activities that positively contribute to their professional growth and the school culture. Results from the Panorama Student Perception Survey will be used as one form of data for teachers to reflect on as part of the Core Professionalism component of EES.

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 Hawaii State Department of Education's State and Complex Area leadership teams, principals, and teachers to help improve educational practices. Individual responses are not reported.

The Panorama Student Perception Survey was developed under the leadership of Dr. Hunter Gehlbach, Professor and Vice Dean at the John Hopkin's University School of Education, and Director of Research at Panorama Education. Dr. Gehlbach and his research team at the Harvard Graduate School of Education followed a rigorous survey development process consisting of literature reviews, focus groups, feedback from experts around the country, cognitive interviews with students, and multiple rounds of piloting and refining.

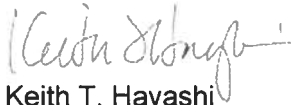
This survey is voluntary; however, your child's views are important to ensure a quality educational system. We ask for your assistance in encouraging your child to participate and respond honestly to the survey questions. No further action is required from you unless you do not want your child to complete the survey.

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**To request that your child be exempted from the survey, please complete the attached Panorama Student Perception Survey Declination Form. Check the “My child WILL NOT participate in the Panorama Student Perception Survey” box, fill in the requested information, sign the form, and submit the form to your child’s school. Forms must be submitted to the school by the date listed on the attached Panorama Student Perception Survey Declination Form.**

On behalf of the Hawaii State Department of Education, we thank you for your cooperation and support of our public schools. Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Morgan Yamamoto, Evaluation Specialist, Accountability Section at (808) 733-4008 or the EES Help Desk at (808) 586-4072.

Sincerely,



Keith T. Hayashi  
Interim Superintendent

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Attachment

Sincerely,



Principal

**DECLINATION FORM**

**PANORAMA PERCEPTION STUDENT SURVEY**

***If you do not want your child to take the Panorama Student Perception Survey:***

- ***Check the box below;***
- ***Fill in information;***
- ***Sign; and***
- ***Return to school by Friday, November 19, 2021.***

Submit to Hilo High School Main Office, attn: Heidi Pana, VP

**To School:**

**My child WILL NOT participate in the Panorama Student Perception Survey.**

Student  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Track: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\* Form is not valid if parent signature missing.***