

## Kanu o ka Aina NCPCS Ka Oha Attendance Policy

### **Attendance Policy**

As a school of choice Kanu o ka Aina NCPCS offers a blended and virtual educational platform for students and parents that are academically engaged, active learners. The flexibility of Ka Oha blended and virtual programs is the privilege of the least restricted environment that is earned by responsiveness and academic progress.

Ka Oha defines “attendance” by a student’s activity which includes academic progress and presence at school activities as defined by their Kumu.

70% is the bare minimum for satisfactory academic progress in any subject. The establishment of the following criteria for attendance in the virtual or blended program is based on factors proven necessary for student success. This includes face-to-face engagements with Kumu and other students to promote social-emotional wellbeing.

Each Ka ‘Ohā student and/or ohana will be required to communicate with their Kumu regularly throughout the school year. Regular access to the required communication tools (learning management system, email, or other as assigned) is expected. Meeting deadlines for activities and assignments is imperative for student success. State and Star testing is expected to be completed to assess academic proficiencies.

A student with 2 consecutive unexcused absences from required on-site programs AND/OR no evidence of successful class participation through coursework progress within the 5 consecutive school days will be placed on watch for academic probation. Parents will be notified of the student’s current status and will be expected to respond within 5 school days.

Should the student accumulate 3 consecutive unexcused absences at required on-site programs, AND/OR fail to make academic progress in their assigned curriculum within 5 school days following notification, the student will be placed on “academic probation.”

The parent and student will be required to attend a meeting with the Kumu to create an intervention plan within 5 academic days of notice that the student has been placed on “academic probation.” Students must successfully complete the plan to be off academic probation.

If there is no appropriate response to the academic probation the child’s attendance status will become “chronic” at 15 consecutive academic days, the student will be withdrawn from Kanu and will be reported to the Department of Education as a “no-show.”

Hawaii Revised Statute 302A-1311 “requires a child who is six years of age and not yet eighteen on or before December 31, of any school year, to attend either a public or private school unless

properly excused from school.” HRS 302A-1136 places the responsibility for enforcing compulsory attendance with the Department of Education. “Students who are chronic absentees may be referred to Family Court.”

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