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OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

July 7, 2026

Re: School Transportation Options & Registration for SY 2026-27

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, the Student Transportation Services Branch (STSB) remains dedicated to ensuring safe and reliable transportation for all students. Please review the following information regarding our transportation options and registration procedures. We encourage you to note the important deadlines listed below.

1. School Bus Service – Quarter 1 Applications Open July 13, 2026

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) offers school bus services to support student access to educational opportunities at participating schools.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students in grades K-5 must reside 1 mile or more from their home school.
- Students in grades 6-12 must reside 1.5 miles or more from their home school.
- Students must be actively enrolled in a HIDOE public school where bus service is available.

Due to the current bus driver shortage, priority for available service is given to elementary students and those receiving specialized transportation services as outlined in their Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

Registration

For more information or to register online, please visit <https://go.hidoe.us/SchoolBusService>. Paper applications are also available at your student's school. Given limited seating capacity, we strongly encourage early registration once the application window opens. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis by your school.

As a reminder, all school bus applications for both paid and free-qualified student riders must be submitted on a quarterly basis per the schedule provided below:

Quarter 1:	July 13, 2026 – August 7, 2026
Quarter 2:	September 14, 2026 – October 12, 2026
Quarter 3:	December 7, 2026 – January 8, 2027
Quarter 4:	February 22, 2027 – March 22, 2027

Payment Options (Effective July 1, 2026):

Electronic Check (eCheck): No transaction fee.

Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express): A \$2.75 service fee applies per transaction.

2. EXPRESS Bus Pass (Free County Service) – Registration Opens July 13, 2026

We are pleased to continue the EXPRESS program, providing free county bus transportation for eligible middle/intermediate and high school students.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students must attend their designated home school and reside at least 1.5 miles (walking distance) from the nearest public access point to the school.
- The walk zone is calculated from the home address listed in Infinite Campus to the nearest school access point, not the school's main office.

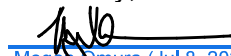
Registration & Assistance:

- For eligibility details, please visit <https://go.hidoe.us/EXPRESS>.
- Students eligible under the McKinney-Vento Act (MVA): Please contact your complex area MVA liaison for assistance.
- Kaiapuni students: Please email stsb@k12.hi.us for registration support.

Mahalo for your continued partnership as we work toward a safe and successful school year.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at stsb@k12.hi.us or at 808-784-6850.

Sincerely,



Megan Omura (Jul 8, 2026 10:08:02 PDT)

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Administrator

Student Transportation Services Branch