



West Hawai'i Explorations Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In November, your child will be asked to complete the 2022-2023 Panorama Student Perception Survey, a confidential survey that provides the school and teachers with student feedback to improve the learning environment.

Your child's responses to the survey represent her/his view of the classroom and learning environment. Individual student answers are confidential and will not be tracked. To maintain confidentiality, the 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 leadership teams, Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission, principals, and teachers to help improve educational practices. Individual responses are not reported.

The Panorama Student Perception Survey 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 a research team from the Harvard Graduate School of Education followed a rigorous survey development process consisting of literature reviews, focus groups, feedback from experts around the county, 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.

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 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 at (808) 733-4008.

Sincerely,

Joe Greenberg, WHEA Director

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DECLINATION FORM

PANORAMA STUDENT PERCEPTION SURVEY

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

- ***Check the box below***
- ***Fill in information***
- ***Sign***
- ***Return to school by **October 31st, 2022*****

To School:

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

Student
Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Advisory Teacher Name: _____

Parent
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

This Declination Form is valid for School Year 2022-2023