



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) and Students:

The safety, social emotional health and well-being of our students continue to be a top priority for the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department). The Department is committed to foster culturally responsive, supportive and inclusive learning environments. In this letter you will find information on Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 19 Student Misconduct, Discipline, School Searches and Seizures, Reporting Offenses, Police Interviews and Arrests, Restitution for Vandalism, Complaint Procedure and Investigation of Discrimination, Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment), Bullying and/or Retaliation.

The HAR Chapter 19 rule includes definitions, behavioral offenses, and procedures for filing complaints of discrimination, bullying, harassment (including sexual harassment), and retaliation. It is important that you discuss this rule with your child(ren) to ensure his or her understanding. A copy of this rule can be found at [bit.ly/HIDOE-Chapter 19](https://bit.ly/HIDOE-Chapter19). Additionally, in this link, there is a copy of the complaint form titled, "Department of Education Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 8, Chapter 19 Complaint Form," which is used for filing complaints of student-to- student discrimination, bullying, harassment (including sexual harassment), and retaliation.

Should you have future questions and/or would like to request a printed copy of the HAR Chapter 19 rule, please contact your respective school administrator for assistance.

Thank you for keeping our students safe.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Hayashi  
Superintendent

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c: Office of Student Support Services