

Kipona SC Information Session (Thu, 1/24/19)

Q: Does the school's collaborator need a new login for the school portal?

A: Yes. The school collaborator will need to create a new login and update information.

Q: Is the community service hours performed by the parents? If so, does collaborator school need to monitor the parents' hours?

A: Yes. The community service hours are performed by the parents.

No. The school doesn't need to monitor/report as it's the parents responsibility.

Q: How does the schools send the report cards?

A: Parents are responsible for sending a copy of their keiki's report card whether it is via email or mail to KS.

Q: If the school is in the middle of accreditation, should the school apply to be a KS school collaborator?

A: Yes. KS encourages schools to apply to be a collaborator. The school is not required to complete the accreditation process when submitting the application.

Q: Is the KS Strategic alignment for the applicant?

A. No. The alignment if not focused on the applicants.

Q: Why did KS make changes to the school collaborator application?

A: To align with KS' SP 2020 strategic plan and vision to provide quality schools to participate with the Kipona program and provide quality education for the native Hawaiian haumana.

Q: What if the school doesn't have Hawaiian culture class, how does the collaborator school answer the questions on the application?

A: Explain what the school currently teaches the student regarding the Hawaiian culture and what the school plans in the future. It is best to answer the question rather than not answer it.

Q: How will we receive the link for the application?

A: We will sent the link via e-mail to current Kipona school collaborators.

Q: What Hawaiian values/ideas does KS offer as a resource to instill in a collaborator school?

A: Suggestions would be:

- to provide 'ōlelo classes (i.e. parent teaching a workshop/class)
- to identify school surroundings, equipment, classroom furniture (i.e. chair, desk, etc.) in Hawaiian by using stickers
- to each simple colors and numbers in Hawaiian
- sing a mele or chant an oli

Q: Does KS want the children in all grades taught about the Hawaiian language and culture?

A: KS wishes to see what the collaborator school is offering or how the school will start incorporating the Hawaiian culture. KS will not determine which the Hawaiian curriculum should be within the collaborator school.

Q: How can the collaborator school be consistent with KS' Hawaiian culture activities?

A: KS' Hawaiian culture activities normally begins with an oli before meetings or event, pule (pray) in Hawaiian, play Hawaiian activities (i.e.) ulu maika, play the ukulele, etc.

Q: What is the timeframe the collaborator school have to complete the Kipona application questions?

A: The School Collaborator Portal will open on January 24 and closes on February 28th.

Q: The KS application seems to be similar to accreditation application? Does KS need evidence to support the collaborator school's answers on the application?

A: No. Evidence is not required; however maybe requested in the future. Currently, we require the schools to answer the questions.

Q: If the collaborator school currently incorporates Hawaiian culture activities, does the school need to explain their improvements?

A: Yes. KS to review what the school is incorporating currently and improvements for the future.

Q: How many people can access the school portal?

A: The School Collaborator portal allows up to three (3) people per school.

Q: How can the collaborator schools prepare keiki for the assessment tests?

A: KS FASS does not know the details of the testing, however, the test should be similar to ACT/SAT which includes Math, English, and Reading. The academic rigor should be similar to the CPT 4 or 5 tests

Q: Is the assessment testing a requirement?

A: Yes. Assessment testing is required for incoming 3rd and 8th grade Kipona program students whether or not the student will be enrolled in a Kipona participating school.

Q: How does KS test the applicants if the school doesn't have a grade 3? If not, what grade will you test?

A: The assessment test if for Kipona applicants who are in grade 3. The next grade would be the incoming 8th graders.

Q: How can the school collaborators support the testing process?

A: The testing is administered by the Admissions Department and Financial Aid does not receive any information regarding the outcome of the test scores.