



Kihei Charter School

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About KCS

Kihei Charter School is an innovative public school serving students in grades K-12. Our enrollment for the current school year is approximately 700 students. Our enrollment increases each year, as space allows, and the school maintains waitlists annually. The school is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Kihei Charter School is a mission-driven institution that focuses on project-based learning, experiential learning, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum. The school also seeks to develop 21st century skills, which include information skills, communication, thinking and problem solving, interpersonal skills, self-direction, global awareness, financial literacy, economic literacy, business literacy, and civic literacy and engagement.

In addition to the core courses, the school has a variety of STEM and arts-based electives, specifically in the secondary grades. Furthermore, extracurricular activities such as clubs and sports are offered. The school also has a partnership with the University of Hawaii Maui College, and our students are able to receive dual high school and college credits simultaneously in our Early Admit Program. Lastly, we are planning to open an additional 4,000 square feet of instructional space this school year and launch our new Engineering and Fabrication Lab for secondary students.

While our school does provide a modern alternative approach to education, there are some restrictions to our overall program. We are a small charter school of choice that can be really great for some students, however, we are also constrained to a degree by financial, spatial and mission limitations. Thus, the programs we are able to offer will not always be applicable to the wide variety of needs that students within our community may have. Nevertheless, we constantly seek to raise the bar on providing an effective and meaningful education that prepares our students for a satisfying and productive life in the 21st Century.

For Office Use Only:
Lottery: Mar Apr

Accepted/ Waitlisted
Date:

Notice mailed: _____

For Office Use Only:
Received Date/ Time:

Initials:



Kihei Charter School Application for the 2021-2022 School Year

Directions: This completed application must be mailed or hand delivered
Mail to: Kihei Charter School, PO Box 1098 Kihei, HI 96753 (Postmarked by 3/31/2021 to be eligible for 1st Lottery).

Hand-deliver to: Kihei Charter School, 650 Lipoa Parkway, Kihei, HI 96753
(Received by 3/31/2021 to be eligible for 1st Lottery)

NO digital or faxed applications will be accepted.

Please note: You must be the legal parent/guardian and a Maui Island resident to apply to Kihei Charter School.

Student's Legal Name:

Is this a sibling of a current KCS student? (Circle one) Yes No

If yes, please list the name of the sibling currently enrolled at KCS: _____

2021-2022 Grade Level Applying for:

Please note that your student is applying for placement in the **Grade level listed above.**

If your student is retained by their current school, contact us immediately to discuss your options.

2020-2021 School Name: _____
THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current Grade Level: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Student's **Legal** Last Name:

Student's **Legal** First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Home

Address: _____

Mailing Address: (if different from above):

Student's Date of Birth:

Parent/ Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Custody of Child: Yes___No___ Child Resides With Yes___No___

Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Best Contact Information:

Parent/ Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Custody of Child: Yes___No___ Child Resides With Yes___No___

Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Best Contact Information:

Is the student a U.S. Citizen? Yes___ No___

If "No", what accompanying documents do you have to support the student's enrollment? _____

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Kihei Charter School Student Records will send you enrollment/or waitlist information to your mailing address as soon as it becomes available.

Call 808-875-0700 if you have any questions.

We encourage all families applying to attend one of our Information Session nights located at Kihei Charter School 650 Lipoa Parkway, Kihei, HI

Applications will be available to attendees at the Info Sessions, the front desk, or on our website to fill out and turn in.

**Info Sessions will be for all levels
(K-5) Elementary School, (6-8) Middle School, (9-12) High School**

Location – Cafeteria

(*Zoom option available and links will be posted on homepage of website)

March 2, 2021 Tuesday at 5:00 PM

March 11, 2021 Thursday at 5:00 PM

March 17, 2021 Wednesday at 5:00 PM

March 25, 2021 Thursday at 5:00 PM

Thank you for your interest and support of Kihei Charter School

**Lottery # 1 -April 06 Tuesday at 5:30 PM
Kihei Charter School 650 Lipoa Parkway, Kihei, HI 96753
*applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered
no later than March 31, 2021**

**Lottery # 2 -May 06 Thursday at 5:30 PM
Kihei Charter School 650 Lipoa Parkway, Kihei, HI 96753
*applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered
no later than April 30, 2021**

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Application, Enrollment and Admission policy

It is the intent of the Kihei Charter School's Governance Board to guarantee universal access to the students on the island of Maui to Kihei Charter School.

We recognize that Kihei Charter School is a "school of choice." A benefit of a "school of choice" is that it will provide a public school educational option to the students on the island of Maui.

Kihei Charter School has an Application, Enrollment and Admission process that provides a level playing field for all of the island of Maui students interested in exploring our educational option.

The start of the Admission process:

January of each year signals the start of the Admission process for the upcoming school year.

The first step of the process is a schedule of parent/student information meetings for prospective students and their families. It is important for interested families to understand what we do at Kihei Charter School.

These information meetings are scheduled on various days at various times in order to have multiple opportunities for attendance.

Once the schedule of information meetings is established, advertising begins. Advertisement of meetings will be in the local newspapers, radio PSAs, Akaku Public Access TV, our website, and our Facebook page.

At the same time as the advertisement plan is being developed, we are developing enrollment projections, as well as, staffing plans.

This activity takes place in January and early February.

Our First lottery of the new school year:

One of the important messages of the information meetings is that the first application period is from March 1st to March 31st. This is not a first come first served situation. All applications received during this month are numbered and sorted by grade being requested.

Another important message we deliver at all of our information meetings is that; if your name is pulled in the lottery for a seat in one of our grades it is a **Conditional Acceptance**. The seat is held for you while we start the information gathering process.

Our first lottery of the season will take place in the first week of April. It is a public lottery. At the start of the lottery we announce the number of openings at each grade level. The number of openings is derived from the enrollment projections we established in January. We will go through every grade from K -12th.

We inform our applicants that we will pull every name in the lottery and when available seats are filled the next names go straight onto a waiting list in the order they are pulled.

Conditional Acceptance to KCS:

The conditional acceptance to Kihei Charter School is based on the desire of the KCS Governing Board to provide universal access. The application that gets you into the lottery is not looked at by us except for sorting by grade.

Conditional Acceptances are based on the following information:

- First, we need to make sure the applicant is who they say they are, for instance applying to get into our 9th grade and they are currently an 8th grader.
- Second, we need to make sure we have the proper health records or exemptions to the health requirements of the state.

When these criteria are met the student is enrolled. It takes a bit of time but it is a necessity.

April and May we do it all again:

April 1st is the start of the second lottery period. These lottery periods are part of the initial information sessions we hold.

The same process will apply. Applications are collected from April 1st to April 30th. They are looked at for grade and numbered for the next lottery which will take place the first week of May. At this point, we are usually drawing for the waitlist.

We follow the same process in May.

By the time June comes we are usually adding names to the waitlist as they come in the door.

Enrollment Preferences:

Kihe Charter School has 4 different enrollment preferences.

Our first preference is given to those already in the school. They are allowed to matriculate without reapplying. However, if a student chooses to leave our school for another school they are advised that there is no return right. They will need to reapply and go through the process like anyone else.

Children and grandchildren of the Founders. There are 7 individuals that are counted as Founders. This preference has never been used although it is possible it could happen in the future. It would never be a big impact were it to happen.

Sibling preference: If a currently enrolled student has a sibling that would like to come to our school that sibling is given preference. The sibling preference does not apply to new students meaning that if a student is in the lottery and gets a seat their siblings do not get to ride along that year. The sibling preference would apply for the next school year.

Children and grandchildren of the staff. Anyone who works for Kihei Charter School and draws a paycheck would be eligible to exercise this preference. This preference has been used in the past. It is never a big impact but it is used.

Over the years we have found our process effective.