



Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy

Project Evaluation Informed Consent Form

We are asking your permission for your child to participate in an evaluation study of 'Oihana Holomoana Project of Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy. The purpose of this study is to find out how effective the project is in meeting their goal of creating a preschool to 12th grade educational pipeline to empower more Native Hawaiian youth to successfully transition to post-secondary education and well-paid career pathways in the maritime industry while engaging in life-long learning and teaching to perpetuate traditional Hawaiian voyaging culture. The evaluation team, headed by Dr. Richard Kim of The Catalyst Group, LLC, will be collecting (1) attendance/grade data and standardized test scores from your child's school, for up to past 3 years, along with their State Department of Education Student ID numbers, (2) pre-post test scores of knowledge gained from the 'Oihana Holomoana Project curriculum, and (3) possibly interview you and/or your child about experiences with the project. The Catalyst Group is an independent research company based in Honolulu with many years of experience in evaluating this type of project.

If you decide to have your child participate in the evaluation study of this project, the attendance and grade data will be collected at the end of the school year while the assessment test scores will be obtained at the beginning of the school year before their participation in Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy activities. This will give us an idea of how your child is doing before beginning the project. To see if there are any changes in your child's academic performance, we will also be collecting the data at the end of the school year, regardless of whether or not your child is still participating in the project. In addition, the evaluation team may also meet with you, your child, and their teachers to discuss perception about the project, experiences with the project staff and its curriculum, and how it may or may not have helped the students.

All data from the schools and test results that we collect as well as information obtained from the interviews will be kept confidential. All data and information will be kept in a locked file cabinet. In addition, the evaluation team will not have access to identifying information about students. All school data obtained will only be identifiable with the student ID number. However, the law says that the project staff and the evaluation team must report to the authorities when a person lets us know that a child, elderly person, or sick adult has been abused or neglected. We must also report if we believe that you or your child are a serious danger to yourself or to other people. Also, since the project is funded by the United States Department of Education, we will need to send reports to this agency about how well the project is providing services to you and your family. We may also publish some of the results of this project in a professional journal. However, your child's data will always be combined with other participants' data and will never include their name.



We encourage everyone who participates in Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy's Oihana Holomonana project to also take part in this evaluation study, but you are free to decide whether or not you want your child to be a part of it. The services that your child receives from the project will not depend on, nor be affected by, your decision to have your child participate in this study. If you decide to you're your child participate, you can also choose, at any time, to drop out.

We don't expect any serious risk to you or your child by participating in the evaluation of this project. You can contact the project manager, Ms. Kelea K. Levy of Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy, at (415) 307-5067 if you have any concerns about evaluation effort of this project. We encourage you to ask questions, give us suggestions, or tell us your concerns about the project and the evaluation process.

The evaluation information we get from this project will better help us to understand how the services provided by the project helps Native Hawaiian students in Hawai'i. Therefore, this information may help other projects and other Native Hawaiian students. It may also help to bring other helpful projects to our State.

If you agree to participate in the evaluation of this project, please sign your name below. You must be a parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) officially enrolled in the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy to sign this form. If you sign, it means that you understand what we have told you in this form and that you are willing and are giving permission to be in this evaluation study.

(Name(s) of child(ren) officially enrolled in the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy, Printed)

School/Organization

Teacher's Name

(Legal Guardian Name, Printed)

(Legal Guardian Name, Signed & Dated)

(Project Staff Name, Printed)

(Project Staff Name, Signed & Dated)