

School Community Council

Exception (Waiver) Request Addendum

Grade Preparation Deadline

Leilehua High School

- 1) **The circumstances unique to the school justifying the waiver (exception)**
 - Leilehua High runs a Credit Recovery program during the Fall, Winter and Spring Breaks for failing students. Participating students are then able to start the next quarter with a passing grade.
 - With a transient student population, many families transfer during each break. With the grades submitted and report cards generated, students are able to take their updated transcripts with them to their next school and be placed in the appropriate courses, easing the transition to a new school.
 - Teachers have common unit assessments as well as quarter summative assessments. Because the grades are submitted at the end of each quarter, teachers are able to discuss data from the previous quarter in the first week of the quarter and adjust instruction as necessary to meet the needs of students.
 - Since the Leilehua faculty has reported grades at the end of each quarter for approximately 14 years, it has become an expectation of our parents to be notified of their child's grades immediately after the conclusion of the quarter.
 - Every role group supports the continuance of submitting grades at the end of each quarter. Overturning the decision of the School Community Council undermines the concept of site-based management. This will greatly demoralize all role groups in the Leilehua High School community.

- 2) **Significant harm to students' learning and students' achievement should the waiver not be granted**
 - Leilehua High will not be able to run a Credit Recovery program during each break to support failing students.
 - Teacher data analysis cycles will be delayed and students will not receive timely interventions at the start of the next quarter.
 - College applications and scholarship applications will be submitted without updated grades.
 - Families moving to new schools will not have their updated transcripts and may have to adjust their program when updated grades arrive at their new location causing a disruption in the transition to a new school.
 - Students will not be able to participate in a college-like environment.

- Students will not get timely feedback. They will start the next quarter without being sure of their grade for the previous quarter.
 - Communication with parents will be hindered.
- 3) **The school's plan to exit the waiver and achieve full compliance with the statutory requirements**
- Leilehua High is willing to share our successes with others who are interested in serving their students and communities.
 - We are willing to work with HSTA and DOE offices to support all students in the state with the same opportunities.
- 4) **Whether the Complex Area Superintendent and the Superintendent concur with the request**
- See attached
- 5) **Whether other applicable processes noted in the Board Policy entitled "School Community Council Waivers and School Community Council Exceptions Policy" were completed**
- Leilehua High has applied yearly for this waiver since School Year 1998-1999.
 - In May 2013, we revised the request to the modified assessment week schedule to include tutorial periods in the afternoons on days 1 – 3, and previews of the next quarter on days 4 – 5.
- 6) **Alternatives considered or implemented by the school prior to requesting the waiver**
- Not submitting a request and denying our parents the ability to have their child's grades reported in a timely manner.



Board of Education Waiver for SY 13-14 for Exam Schedules

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Hi Fred and Aloha,

I approve of Mililani and Leilehua High Schools' waiver for SY 13-14 for the following reasons:

- Grades/Semester Reports available on-time for Post High School Institutions for Early/On-time Admittance.
- Grade reports available for transient Military transfer students (usually leave at the end of qtr/sem)
- Timely feedback to counselors to provide timely intervention(s) for student success (5 weeks earlier after 1st Semester and 3weeks earlier for 1st and 3rd qtrs)
- Timely feedback to teachers to utilize the breaks to provide learning opportunities and interventions for student success
- Timely feedback to parents so that families may be involved in dialogue to improve student performance
- Providing students with an authentic Collegiate Experience (Qtr/Sem Finals)

Additionally, it is important to give our graduates equal opportunities for college admittance and scholarship opportunities. Some colleges and scholarship deadlines require specific due dates that are exceptions to the current schedule. I believe this waiver will allow additional time for our students to meet these deadlines.

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