

POLICY 500-26

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Secondary schools may establish a one-day orientation program on the first school instructional day which is attended exclusively by students in the incoming grade provided that:

1. The decision is approved by the school community council;
2. All staff report for a full day of work; and
3. All grade levels report for a full day of instruction on the succeeding day.

Orientation programs provided under this policy shall constitute a waiver to the student hours required pursuant to section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Rationale: The transition to secondary school may be difficult and may cause stress and anxiety for both parents and students. School data indicate that students in the incoming grade level experience the most difficulty in school adjustment. A one-day orientation program on the first school instructional day attended exclusively by students in the incoming grade may be beneficial to the entire school community.

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