



# New Family Welcome Packet

May 2022





Building 55, Kalaeloa, built in 1940.



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We see possibility.

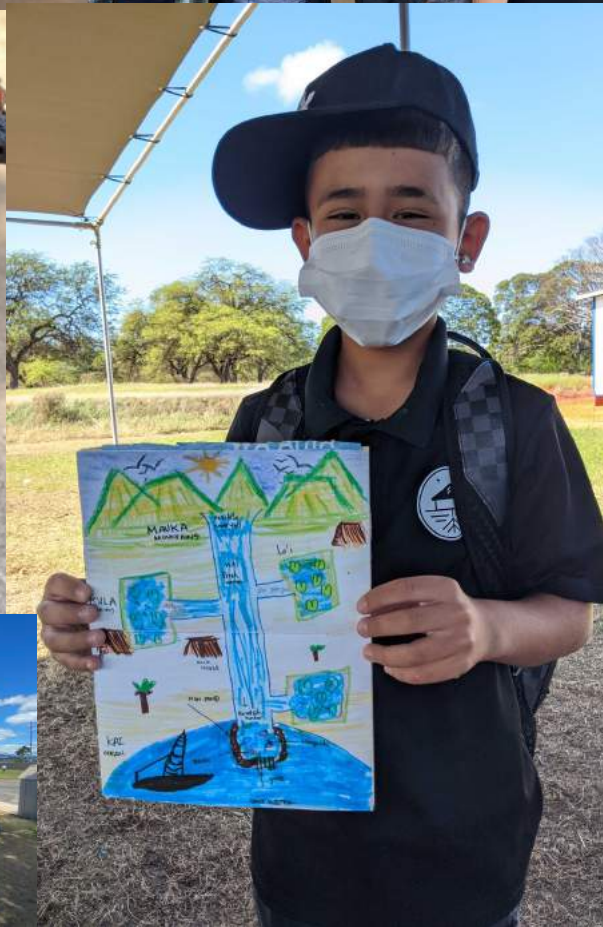
welcome to:



**DREAMHOUSE**

'EWA BEACH







Empowering  
homegrown leaders  
for our island  
community.







# Road Map



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# Welcome.

Aloha Families,

We are humbled by and appreciative of your decision to join DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach. The past few years have been like no other, and yet, our children continue to light the way with their resilience, growth, and commitment to becoming the future leaders of our islands.

The 2022-23 school year will mark a significant moment in the journey of DreamHouse – the launch of our high school, and our largest group of young, developing leaders ever: 400 total, grades 6-9. Additionally, we will have two separate locations, as well as a team of 37 educators and leaders. This coming fall serves to be the beginning of an incredible chapter in the story of DreamHouse.

There will be highs and lows, joys and tears, and through it all your children will be on a journey to becoming the empathetic, equipped, and engaged leaders our island community needs.

We can't wait to get started.

-Alex Teece  
Founder



# DreamHouse at a Glance

**DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach** (DreamHouse) is Hawai'i's newest and fastest-growing public charter school that will serve 400 students, grades 6-9 this coming school year 2022-23.

**The growth plan** of the school is to build out one grade, one year at a time, to eventually become a 700-student, grades 6-12, middle and high school.

**The school's model** is based on values-driven leadership, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and a positive community impact. Children at DreamHouse will participate in rigorous, dynamic educational experiences that push them to learn about and engage with the world around them.

Values-driven  
leadership  
development

Social  
emotional  
growth

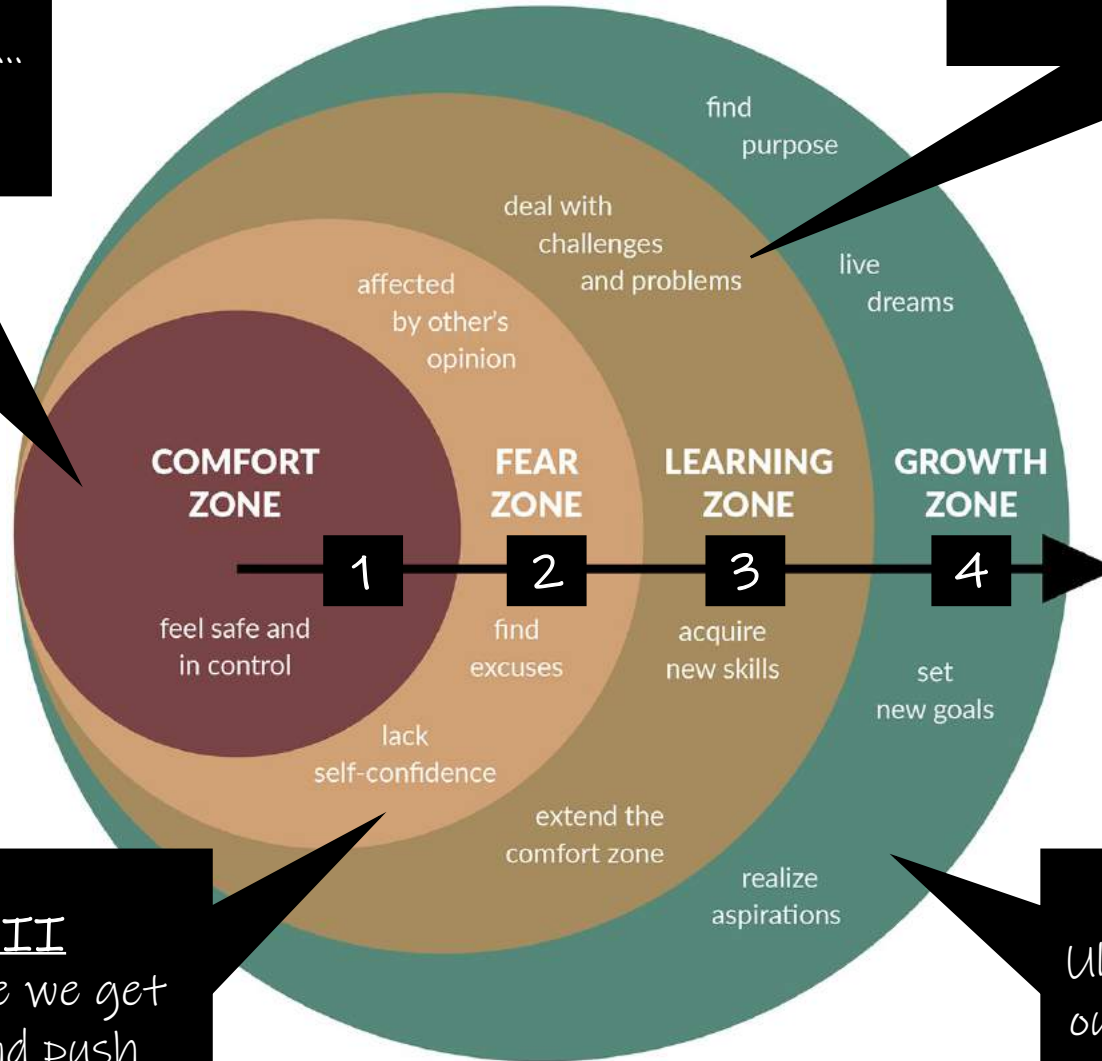
21<sup>st</sup> century  
skill building

Community  
service and  
impact

STAGE I

Many of our students begin here. This is the school they came from... this is what they know.

The development of a DreamHouse Student Leader



STAGE III

We find ourselves here much of the year.

STAGE II

This is where we get to first... and push through, together.

STAGE IV

Ultimately, we are working to move our students here – purpose, goals, aspirations, dreams. This is DREAMHOUSE.

# DreamHouse at a Glance

(Course Example)

## English Language Arts:

Here is where leadership and identity development begins. *Self, Us, Now* is about constructing an individual identity, more deeply connecting with others, and developing a better understanding of the world we live in. Through student engagement with, struggle, and collaboration around the elements of this course, students will be prepared for DreamHouse. In a reflection- and production-focused environment based on the sixth grade English Language Arts Common Core Standards for language, literacy, and communication development, students will develop strong literary and language arts practices while mastering core elements of the English language. Building from biographical and performance-projects around identity of others and self, to peer memoirs and public sharing, and culminating in student-teaching and portfolio development and defense, *Self, Us, Now* develops empathy, vulnerability, and expression.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Courses

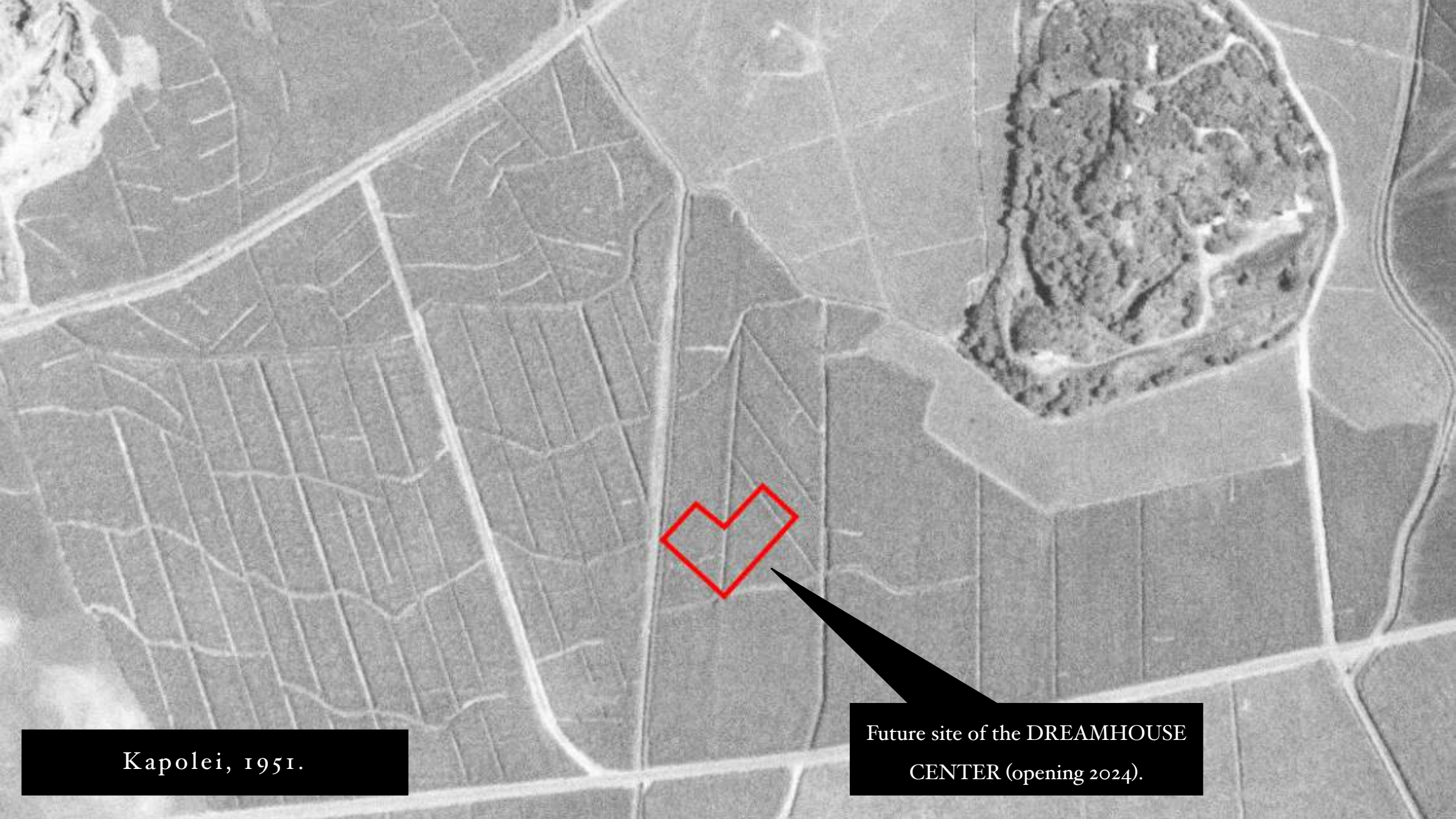
English  
Language Arts

Mathematics

Life  
Science

Social  
Studies

Hawaiian  
Culture &  
Perspectives



Kapolei, 1951.

Future site of the DREAMHOUSE  
CENTER (opening 2024).



*Finishing the school year strong*

May 2022

"Be where your feet are"

The best way to start anew is to finish strong.

There is excitement in the air for the next school year! Middle school... a new school year... a new school. All of this is exciting!

**The very best way to transition to DreamHouse is to finish out the current school year on a positive, productive note.** Here are some tips:

- Ensure you have submitted your release forms to your current school;
- Maintain routines; don't change it up just yet!
- Treat days individually – stay focused on the small, day-to-day tasks, projects, and work that must be done now in the current school.
- Have "what would you like to work on" conversations that help establish and nurture a growth mindset.
- Help your child set personal and academic goals for the weeks ahead.





# Summer 2022

## INFORMATION COLLECTION

DreamHouse will make hard copy and e-outreach for a series of State of Hawai'i, Board of Education, and school-based documents over the summer. This documentation will ensure an on-time, efficient start to the 2022-23 school year.



## COMMUNICATION

The School team will be in touch over the summer to keep parents, children, and families up to speed as we move through June and July towards the school year start. Please keep an eye out for all communication and associated action items to ensure a smooth transition and start to next school year.



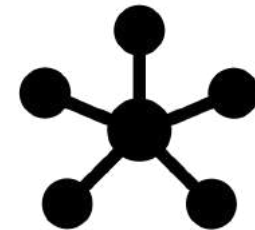
## TRANSITION

While children will have the summer to enjoy – which is needed and well-deserved – we ask that students discuss, journal, and reflect upon their decision to join DreamHouse, their understanding of their own leadership, and to get ready for **Leadership Camp (July 18-22)**; this will ensure that we are hitting the ground running as a founding cohort and school!



## CONNECTIVITY

We encourage families to connect with one another as we build our growing 'Ohana; this will partially be facilitated by DreamHouse (gatherings, events), but we also hope that parents will take lead in social media, communication, and initiatives to build connections between families and children leading into the new school year.





Monday, July 18  
- Friday, July 22  
9AM - 3PM  
DreamHouse,  
Kalaeloa



"Keeping it cool"  
Happy hybrid of summer camp  
and summer school  
("leadership & learning")



Enrollment: Free  
All expenses, program,  
and supplies covered  
by DreamHouse

LEADERSHIP  
CAMP



Fresh, healthy food  
provided to every child,  
every day



Strong mind, body,  
and spirit - bootcamp is  
where we build the  
Foundation for the year



Lights, camera,  
action for ALL new  
student leaders at  
DreamHouse  
(Grades 6-9)



# Dress Expectations

*Uniforms? Short answer: yes.*

How we dress, appear, and present ourselves matters. It matters for our leadership; it matters for DreamHouse.

As a school, we purchase 4 x polo shirts, and 1 x t-shirt for your child to start the year. Additional uniforms will be available for purchase.

Additionally, we ask that our children wear jeans, khakis, and other school-appropriate clothing while on-site. Please see our website (Parents & Students tab) for more information and guidance).

**[DRESS EXPECTATIONS LINK](#)**

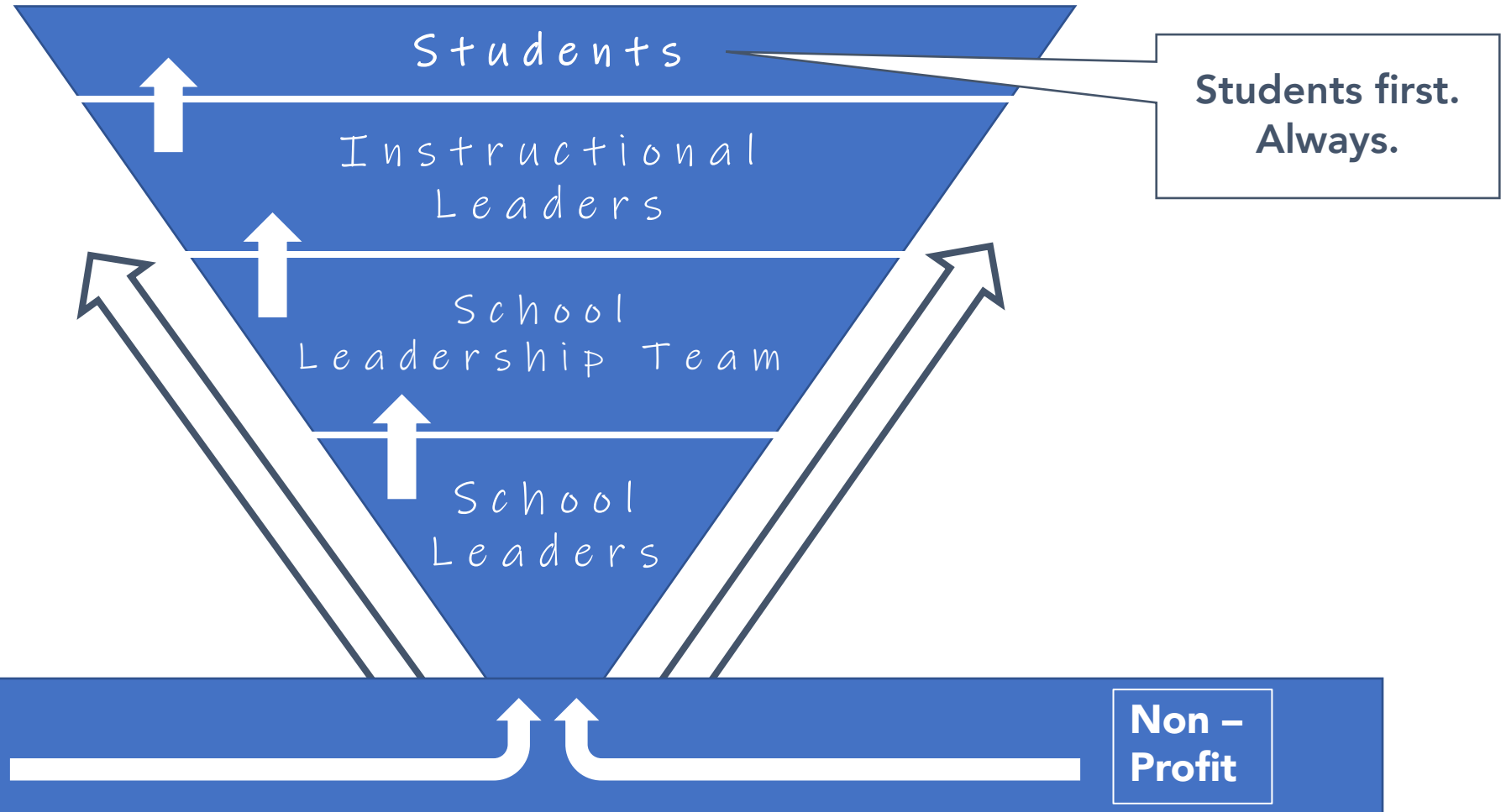


# Charter School Structure At A Glance

Supports, develops, and channels resources for students to achieve.

DreamHouse is a free, public school. We are independent of, but affiliated with, the Department of Education, and report to the State Charter Commission and Board of Education.

The flexibility that we have as a public school allows us to innovate and imagine past the traditional barriers that have existed in traditional public schools.



We are a public school, but independent from the traditional DOE.



# School Year

The DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach school calendar for the 2022-23 school year mirrors the Hawai'i Department of Education calendar.

This helps our families who have children at DOE schools!

School start date: Monday, August 1, 2022.

DREAMHOUSE 'EWA BEACH											
2022-2023 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR											
Teachers' Work Year - 1st Semester: July 26, 2022 - January 3, 2023; 2nd Semester: January 4, 2023 - May 30, 2023											
Students' Work Year - 1st Semester: August 1, 2022 - December 16, 2022; 2nd Semester: January 4, 2023 - May 26, 2023											
Week	Student Days	Teacher Days	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa		
1	0	4	July 2022							1st SEMESTER - 89 Student Days (Ends December 16)	
2	5	9	August							July 26: Teachers' First Day	
3	10	14								July 26-July 29: Teacher Work Days (no students)	
4	14	18								August 1: Students' First Day	
5	19	23								August 19: Statehood Day	
6	24	28	September							September 5: Labor Day	
7	28	32									
8	33	37									
9	38	42									
10	43	47	October							October 3-7: Fall Break***	
11	43	47									
12			November							November 8: Election Day	
13	53	57								November 11: Veterans Day	
14	58	62								November 24: Thanksgiving	
15	63	67								November 25: School Holiday	
16	66	70									
17	71	75									
18	74	78	December							December 19-December 30: Winter Break***	
19	79	83								December 26: Christmas (observed)	
20	84	88								January 2: New Year's Day (observed)	
21	89	93	January 2023							January 3: Teacher Workday (no students)*	
22										January 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
23											
24	92	97	February							Institute Day (one day with no students during the week. Date for each island TBD.)	
25	97	102								February 20: Presidents' Day	
26	101	106									
27	106	111									
28	111	116	March							March 13-17: Spring Break***	
29	116	121								March 27: Kuhio Day (observed)	
30	120	126								April 7: Good Friday	
31	124	130									
32	129	135	April								
33	134	140									
34			May							May 26: Last Day for Students & Second Semester Ends**	
35	139	145								May 29: Memorial Day	
36	143	149								May 30: Last Day for Teachers	
37	147	153									
38	152	158									
39	157	163									
40	162	168									
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43	177	183									
44	182	188									
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	180	190									

Approved November 19, 2020

OFFICIAL STATE HOLIDAYS: 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR			
*2 Instructional days shall be converted to a non-student day for school planning and collaboration.	**The employer may assign up to 6 additional hours, in half hour blocks (or "equivalent day") for training and meetings beyond the teacher's regular work day.	Statehood Day:	August 19, 2022
		Labor Day:	September 5, 2022
		Election Day:	November 8, 2022
		Veterans Day:	November 11, 2022
		Thanksgiving Day:	November 24, 2022
		Christmas Day (obs.):	December 26, 2022
		New Year's Day (obs.):	January 2, 2023
		Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day:	January 16, 2023
		Presidents' Day:	February 20, 2023
		Prince Jonah Kūhio Kalanianaʻole Day (obs.):	March 27, 2023
		Good Friday:	April 7, 2023
		Memorial Day:	May 29, 2023

\*Teacher work day between semesters: January 3 \*\*Commencement exercises: No sooner than May 19, 2023  
 \*\*\*For 10-month teachers - Intersession: Oct. 3-7; Recesses: Dec. 19-Dec. 30 & March 13-17  
 Educational Officer & Teacher Institute Days TBD (one day per island)



Multiple advisory-based to support positive interpersonal relationships and growth.

Daily leadership development blocks focus on skill and habit development and team-building opportunities.

Personal growth block is a self-focused time to engage in growth-oriented protocols, goal-setting, and development.

70-minute block scheduling allows for creative, multi-modal, student-driven learning environments.

# Weekly Schedule

OVERALL SCHEDULE						
Time (Mins)	SCHEDULE COMPONENT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-8:17 (17)	MORNING INTENTION (17 mins)	Advisory-Based Morning Huddle (Transition @ end of huddle appx 8:17AM)				
8:17-8:20 (3)	TRANSITION/BREAK (3 mins)	Transition / Break (3 MINS)				
8:20-9:30 (70)	BLOCK I (70 mins)	A	E	D	C	B
9:30-9:35 (5)	TRANSITION/BREAK (5 mins)	Transition / Break				
9:35-10:45 (70)	BLOCK II (70 mins)	B	A	E	D	C
10:45-11:15 (30)	LUNCH (30 mins)	Lunch				
11:15-12:00 (45)	"LEAD": LEADERSHIP, EMPOWER, AGENCY, DEVELOPMENT (45 mins)	LEAD	LEAD	MIDWEEK ADV. CHECK IN (11:15 - 11:30)	LEAD	LEAD
12:00-12:30 (30)	PERSONAL GROWTH BLOCK / TUTORIAL (30 mins)	PG	PG	Transition / Break (11:30 - 11:35)	PG	PG
12:30-12:35 (5)	TRANSITION/BREAK (5 mins)	Transition / Break		A (11:35 - 12:45)	Transition / Break	
12:35-1:45 (70)	BLOCK III (70 mins)	C	B	Transition / Break (12:45 - 12:50)	E	D
1:45-1:50 (5)	TRANSITION/BREAK (5 mins)	Transition / Break		B (12:50 - 2:00)	Transition / Break	
1:50-3:00 (70)	BLOCK IV (70 mins)	D	C	STAFF HUDDLE (2:00 - 3:00)	A	E



# Supply List

DreamHouse provides backpacks, iPads, polos, writing and design resources, and all required supplies.

Families are welcome to provide their child with materials, however, our student leaders are equipped with all supplies, materials, and resources to start off the school year strong.

REGISTRATION

Monday, July 18

On-site @  
DreamHouse



# Summer Communication

DreamHouse staff will be in touch via e-mail, phone, and mail communication this summer to communication necessary next steps prior to the beginning of Registration (July 18), Leadership Camp (July 18 – 22), and Start of School (August 1).

*Mahalo nui for your support and commitment as we grow DreamHouse into a 400-student middle AND high school this year! Contact us at [Info@dreamhousewabeach.org](mailto:Info@dreamhousewabeach.org) with any questions.*



Mahalo nui!



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