



July 26, 2016

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

Title IX and Mandatory Reporting

Thank you for entrusting your child to Kapi'olani Community College's (KCC) Dual Credit program, a great opportunity for high school students to earn college credits before they receive their high school diploma.

The University of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring a safe, civil, learning and working environment in which the dignity of every individual is respected. All members of the University community—students, faculty and staff—share responsibility for its growth and continued welfare.

The University of Hawai'i Executive Policies help create a learning environment that is beneficial to your child's academic achievement. KCC works in collaboration with the State of Hawai'i Department of Education to safeguard your child's safety and welfare. KCC would like to take this opportunity to inform you of two important policies regarding confidentiality.

Under the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) **§577-1 Age of majority**, "All persons residing in the State, who have attained the age of eighteen years, shall be regarded as of legal age and their period of minority to have ceased". Since your child is under 18, we are mandated to report incidences that fall under the Title IX as well as any incidents that suggest harm to your child or others, abused physically or sexually or neglected as a child. Title IX is a federal mandate that prohibits sex discrimination, which includes sexual violence in educational programs and activities. All public and private schools, school districts, colleges and universities receiving federal funds must comply with Title IX.

For complete information on these policies, please visit the websites listed below:

- University of Hawai'i Executive Policies:
<http://www.hawaii.edu/policy/>
- Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §577-1 Age of majority:
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrs2009/Vol12_Ch0501-0588/HRS0577/HRS_0577-0001.htm
- State of Hawai'i Mandated Reporter:
<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/ssd/files/2013/01/MANDATED-REPORTER-HANDBOOK.pdf>
- The Department of Education Office of Civil Rights:
http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/tix_dis.html

KCC strives to create a safe and healthy environment for our students to learn. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 734-9842 or sheldont@hawaii.edu or the Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Brenda Ivelisse at (808) 734-9522 or ivelisse@hawaii.edu.

Please sign this letter indicating that you have read and understood the statements written above. Upon signing, please return this letter to your respective high school and a copy will be given to KCC. Upon request, a copy can be provided to you.

Thanks,

Sheldon Tawata, Outreach Coordinator

Student Name Print

Student Signature Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name Print

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