



Aloha Families,

Thank you for your interest in Voyager Public Charter School. We are in our thirteenth year of our journey educating today's youth and are paving the way toward excellence in public education.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year for students who will be attending Kindergarten through Eighth Grades, although available spots are yet to be determined. The students must meet the following age requirements to be considered:

- Students must turn five years old on or before July 31st, 2015.

*Admission will be granted with the following preferences:*

1. *Current Voyager students applying for the following school year will be "accepted".*
2. *Siblings of currently enrolled students receive first preference on open slots (K-8). **Siblings include children within the household wherein the caretakers have legal guardianship.***
3. *Children of staff receive second preference on remaining open slots (K-8), not to exceed 10% of the total school population.*
4. *If there are more applicants by the deadline than the remaining open slots, a lottery will be held (K-8). Students admitted by lottery will automatically be given preference on open slots for eligible sibling applicants. Others will be placed on a waiting list.*

The application process involves several steps:

1. Download our application packet beginning January 12th, 2015, from our school website: [www.voyagerschool.com](http://www.voyagerschool.com). Hard copies will also be available in our school office.
2. Parents will be required to review and sign the school's admissions policy, tardy policy and parent expectations.
3. Submit completed application to the school office by **March 12th, 2015/4:00 pm** to included in the lottery.
4. Sign up for AND attend a mandatory Parent Information Session.
5. Once your child has been admitted, you will be given a Registration Packet to complete and return it by July 1st, 2015.
6. **Once a family has been notified that their child has been accepted, they have 15 days from acceptance offer in which to pay a non-refundable supply fee.** Payment of this fee will reserve the student slot for that child and be applied to the entire supply fee for the school year. Should payment not be received within 15 days, due to financial hardship, the family needs to submit, in writing, for extended time to make the payment. Financial assistance may also be available through the Voyager PTSO. In the event that payment is not received, the slot may be forfeited and be offered to a child on the waiting list, depending on the circumstances for non-payment. If the family wishes to re-apply, if/when the student's spot has been forfeited, the child's name will be added to the bottom of the waiting list.

Because Voyager is a "school of choice" it is important that families learn about and understand our philosophies and teaching methodologies. The program differs from traditional schools in many ways and our families have chosen to be part of this learning community because they want this type of learning experience for their child(ren).

I look forward to meeting you at one of the upcoming information sessions and sharing with you how Voyager is changing the face of public education in Hawaii. At those meetings, I will be discussing how the role of the teacher differs at Voyager and how students are put "in charge" of their own learning, from early on in their school experience.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call me at (808)521-9770 ext. 204.

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