



## Boarding FAQs

### Admissions

#### **What is the cost of 'Iolani School's boarding program?**

Boarding student tuition and fees for the 2018-19 School Year can be found [here](#). Additional costs such as our technology fee, travel expenses, health insurance, books and school supplies are not included.

#### **Can a student from Oahu apply for boarding admission?**

Students from Oahu may apply for our boarding program. Geographic preference may be given based on the need to board.

#### **Is there a separate application for international students?**

No, all boarding applicants must create and submit an application through Ravenna at [www.ravenna-hub.com](http://www.ravenna-hub.com) or use your SSAT account at [ssat.org/sao](http://ssat.org/sao) and apply using the SAO (Standard Application Online). Boarding applications will be accepted from August 15, 2018 to January 15, 2019.

#### **What testing does 'Iolani School require for a boarding applicant?**

- All applicants are required to submit a Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) score. Please make sure test scores are sent directly to 'Iolani School. Our school code is **4144**.
- Applicants whose first language is not English, must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Our TOEFL code is **B845**.

#### **What is the requirement for test scores?**

There is no minimum requirement for test scores.

#### **Does 'Iolani School offer English as a Second Language (ESL) courses?**

No, we do not offer an ESL program.

#### **Does 'Iolani accept new seniors (12th graders)?**

No, we do not accept students entering 12th grade. Students entering 9th, 10th, and 11th grade may apply. Our boarding program can accommodate 28 students per grade.

#### **Are interviews required?**

Yes an interview is a required part of the application process. Interviews may take place in-person or through Skype. Interviews must be completed by January 31, 2019. Please schedule your interview after your application has been submitted. To schedule, please email [boarding@iolani.org](mailto:boarding@iolani.org)

#### **Will a representative from the Admission Office be traveling to my area?**

Our team travels frequently both domestically and internationally throughout the year. To see if a representative will be in your area, please visit our [Travel Schedule](#).

**Is financial aid available for international students?**

No, we typically do not award financial aid to international students.

**How are admissions decisions made?**

There is no formula to our admission decisions. Each application is important to us and all pieces of the application are taken into account when determining an admission decision. All applications are reviewed by multiple members of our admission committee which is made up of various faculty and staff across campus.

**When and how does 'Iolani School communicate admission decisions?**

All admission decisions are mailed and emailed on March 10.

**Who can I contact regarding additional questions for boarding admission?**

Please contact our Director of Residential Admission, Kim Nguyen at [knguyen@iolani.org](mailto:knguyen@iolani.org)

**Residential Life:****Does 'Iolani School require students to wear uniforms?**

'Iolani School does not require students to wear uniforms. All students must abide by our dress code. Please visit pages 44-45 of our [Family Handbook](#) for more information.

**Are students allowed to remain on campus over school breaks?**

The residential hall closes for Christmas and Spring breaks and students are required to leave campus. The residential hall remains open for all long weekends and over Thanksgiving break, though students are free to go home, or stay with a day student family rather than be in residence in the dorm.

**How many students does one House Parent support?**

Each floor of our dormitory will have one House Parent on duty at all times. There will be 28 students per adult when students are on the floor. During off campus activities there will be more adults supporting students. Within each floor "house" there is a team of faculty/staff members who serve as the House Parent for that floor. 'Ohana groups are as small as 4-5 students.

**Is there security at 'Iolani School?**

'Iolani School is an enclosed/gated urban school with an open campus; security guards are posted at various campus entry points and throughout campus 24-hours a day. The dormitory has a security guard at the front desk during study hours and through the night. When students are in-House, there are also, always, House Parents or a Head of House on duty, as well as our campus security support.

**Do students need to show parents' documented consent if they want to leave campus?**

Yes. After a student is registered for the residential program, parents will receive a packet of forms and permission papers to define their student's off-campus privileges, as is congruent with the policies and standards of the Residential Life program. 'Iolani School provides families with an online resource to help manage and document their preferences for their student's off campus and free time options, including weekend overnights with school friends, weekend activities, and other off campus events.

**How often does the House Parent communicate with parents via email?**

At the start of school, parents will receive a first week report. Should there be an issue, conversation will continue weekly until resolved. Otherwise, a monthly email will be sent to parents. All House Parents are receptive to communication from parents.

**Are there any parent-teacher interviews throughout the semester?**

We do not necessarily offer teacher to parent interviews, however, parent to House Parent 'teleconferences' will happen at the end of each quarter, and more frequently if necessary

**Who can I contact with additional questions regarding Residential Life at 'Iolani School?**

Please contact our Director of Residence Life, Rev. Heather Patton-Graham at [hpattongraham@iolani.org](mailto:hpattongraham@iolani.org)