



Boarding – Frequently Asked Questions

Admissions

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

Boarding student tuition and fees can be found at www.iolani.org/admission/boarding/tuition. Additional costs such as our technology fee, travel expenses, health insurance, books and school supplies are not included.

Can a student from O'ahu apply for boarding admission?

Students from O'ahu 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 or use your SSAT account at www.ssat.org/sao and apply using the SAO (Standard Application Online). Boarding applications will be accepted from August 1, 2020 to January 15, 2021. Late applications will be accepted based upon availability in the boarding program. Please contact boarding@iolani.org if you would like to apply after our deadline has passed.

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 an English Proficiency Test. We accept the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL ibt), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Duolingo English Test. 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 as part of our curriculum.

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.

Are interviews required?

Yes an interview is a required part of the application process. Interviews may take place in-person or online. Interviews must be completed by January 31, 2021. Please schedule your interview after your application has been submitted. To schedule, please email 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. Please contact boarding@iolani.org for more information.

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 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.

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.

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.

How many students does one House Parent support?

Each floor of our dormitory will have one House Parent on duty at all times. Each floor has the capacity for 28 students. Within each floor "house" there is a team of faculty/staff members who serve as the House Parent for that floor. Advisory 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, House Parents or a Head of House on duty, as well as our campus security support.

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 communication 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 Residential Life Office at reslife@iolani.org.