

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOLS PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK

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2026-27



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION AND LICENSURE

Queen Emma Preschool, which is The Preschool of St. Andrew's Schools has been accredited by the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools and Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools and is licensed to operate as a private school by the Hawai'i Council of Private Schools.

Queen Emma Preschool is licensed by the Department of Human Services for 158 children 2-6 years of age. The low student/teacher ratio is of a higher standard than required by the State of Hawai'i.

Aloha, St. Andrew's Schools 'Ohana,

QUEEN EMMA PRESCHOOL



Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! We are thrilled to embark on this journey of learning, growth, and discovery together with you and your wonderful children.

From our preschool program to our high school curriculum, we nurture academic advancement, leadership growth, and character development. With our personalized educational program, inspiring teachers, and dynamic learning environment, each year we witness tremendous growth in each of our students, all while working to instill in them a love for learning and a desire to Kūlia I Ka Nu‘u, or Strive for the Highest, in all that they do. This culture of care and educational excellence is what makes St. Andrew’s Schools special.

As an Episcopal school founded by Queen Emma, our community is steeped in the values of aloha, kuleana, and mālama. These values of lovingkindness, compassion, mutual respect and honor, caring stewardship, and courageous perseverance form our identity. And they allow us to create an environment that honors the worth and dignity of every human being so our students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. These values remind us that each one of us matters and that our presence is a gift to be treasured. Our school is indeed a place where each child is known, challenged, understood, and empowered to achieve their personal best.

Our talented and dedicated faculty and staff are committed to creating and setting the conditions for optimal learning and growth for each child. With the guidance of our Board of Trustees and Leadership Team, our collective commitment is to provide learning environments that inspire and motivate each child to reach their promise.

We value our partnership with each family in this exciting year, and are truly grateful for your investment in your child’s education at St. Andrew’s Schools. We are excited to celebrate this school year with you.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth R Fletcher". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ruth R. Fletcher, Ph.D.

President and Head of School, St. Andrew’s Schools

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MISSION

To bring out the best in each student and empower them to *Kūlia i ka Nu'u* – Strive for the Highest.

VISION

A world where all children are given the opportunity to learn, grow, and lead with their hearts, minds, and spirits to make their communities more humane and just.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Our Hawaiian and Episcopal heritage is fundamental to our mission and vision. We celebrate and honor Queen Emma's Kaleleonālani's life of love, kindness, hope, faith, and service and follow her example to *Kūlia i ka Nu'u* – Strive for The Highest – in all that we do. Our guiding core values are described below.

- **Unleashing the Power of Each Child**
We believe each child should be seen as an individual, and their unique talents cultivated so they can become avid scholars and live a life of purpose.
- **Creating a Culture of Belonging**
Our Episcopal foundation of inclusiveness, loving kindness and spiritual growth give students the supportive environment they need to learn, take risks, and find their passion.
- **Perpetuating Queen Emma's Dream**
We are stewards of Queen Emma's legacy, driving us to provide each child, regardless of background, the opportunity to flourish.

EDUCATIONAL AIMS

- Our students will develop strong, confident voices and a commitment to mastering, understanding, and creating knowledge.
- Our students will develop the intellectual capacity and habits of mind to be successful and thrive in college, the workforce, and beyond.
- Our students will lead a life of purpose and service with integrity, respect, compassion, advocacy, and loving-kindness.
- Our students will appreciate diversity, understand our connectedness to each other and to Earth, and have the ability to work individually and collaboratively in our global community.
- Our students will develop lifetime habits of physical, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional wellness so they can reach their promise and help others do the same.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

- We believe that all children can learn and that they need a teacher who
- loves, cares for, and believes in them,
- sets high expectations,
- ignites their curiosity,
- understands and implements what is known regarding the science of learning, and
- crafts the curriculum and instruction so students can be successful in their learning.

To accomplish this,

- We provide an engaging and challenging coed learning environment that is designed to meet the needs and aspirations of students from preschool through grade 12.
- We foster well-being in mind, body, and spirit to ensure a child's healthy growth and development.
- We teach and model integrity, empathy, compassion, and loving-kindness, and call children to live an ethical life of purpose and service.
- We create personalized learning experiences, so students can uncover their individual talents and passions and have voice and choice in their schoolwork. They learn how to set goals, honestly assess their progress, and be both inspired and motivated to persevere.
- We cultivate a culture of thinking, learning, leading, and doing that provides opportunities for deep inquiry, exploration, discovery, and reflection.
- We empower students to lead with courage and conviction by creating opportunities to collaborate, create, and communicate as a member of the local, national, and global community.
- We are committed to lifelong learning and continued innovation in teaching and learning. By exploring and thoughtfully incorporating educational research (e.g., the neuroscience of learning) we work to create, design, and implement a preschool – 12 curricular program which uses effective instructional and assessment strategies to enhance student learning.

ABOUT ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Schools has developed courageous, compassionate leaders since our founding by Queen Emma Kaleleonālanī, a visionary and transformational thinker. Founded in 1867 as St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls, our school grew to include Queen Emma Preschool (established in 1985) and The Prep, our K-6 boys' school (established in 2014). As of school year 2026-2027, St. Andrew's Schools has transformed into a fully coeducational program from preschool to grade 12. We continue to offer a nurturing learning environment where each child is known, understood, and celebrated for their unique talents within a diverse religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic community.

Our personalized educational program allows students to uncover their unique strengths, passions, and interests through discovery, practice, creation, and self-reflection. Our emphasis on social- emotional, ethical, and cognitive learning sets the stage for children to cultivate healthy habits of mind, body and spirit that positions them to live a life of learning and good health.

Building on decades of expertise in single gender education, we understand and embrace the differences between boys and girls. In this way, we are uniquely poised to create the optimal conditions for all students to learn and grow in a coed setting. Our students readily venture past societal expectations or stereotypes to reach their full promise. Students learn deeply, stay curious, are hopeful about the future, and understand how to lead themselves and others with a compassionate and courageous heart.

The faculty and staff are dedicated to guiding children toward strong habits of mind, body, and spirit by instilling confidence in their abilities and those of others. Students with a St. Andrew's education have the knowledge, skills, and character to navigate uncertainty, act compassionately, and thrive in an ever-changing world of innovation.

QUEEN EMMA KALELEONĀLANI NA'EA ROOKE

Born on January 2, 1836 in Honolulu, Queen Emma Kaleleonālani Na'ea Rooke's birth mother was Fanny Kekelaokalani Young (daughter of John Young, King Kamehameha I's advisor, and Ka'oana'eha, Kamehameha's niece). Her father, George Na'ea, was a high chief.

In accordance with Hawaiian custom, Emma was adopted (hānaied) at birth by her childless aunt, Chiefess Grace Kama'iku'i Young Rooke, and her husband, Dr. Thomas Rooke — a skilled surgeon and a physician to the royal court. Emma was educated in Honolulu at the Chief's Children's School with other ali'i children, now known as The Royal School. Emma grew up speaking both Hawaiian and English, and her parents raised her with both Hawaiian and British influences. Often referred to as our Renaissance Queen, Emma grew to be an accomplished and knowledgeable young woman, well-read and skilled at the piano, music, dancing, horse-riding, and gardening.

Her Passion

In 1856, Emma married her childhood friend, Alexander Liholiho, or King Kamehameha IV, in an Episcopalian wedding at Kawaiaha'o Church. During Kamehameha IV's reign, the Hawaiian people were dying rapidly from disease and facing extinction. Both Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma became impassioned with saving their people and decided to raise the funds needed to establish Queen's Hospital, now known as The Queen's Health Systems. They tirelessly went door to door to accomplish their mission, and within a month, raised over \$13,000 to open the hospital.

Two years later in 1858, Emma gave birth to a son, Albert Edward Kauikeaouli Leiopapa a Kamehameha. Prince Albert brought much happiness and joy to the King and Queen, and as the next heir to the throne, was beloved by the Hawaiian people. Tragically, Prince Albert died in August 1862 of causes that we will never know for certain, given the lack of medical information. He was only four years old.

Only a year later, a grief-stricken Kamehameha IV, who blamed himself for the boy's death, also died. After losing both her beloved son and husband, Queen Emma took the name of Kaleleonālani, or "The flight of the heavenly chiefs," in remembrance of Kamehameha IV and Prince Albert. Her pain and remorse fueled her mission even more, and she actively raised funds with Queen Victoria of England to complete the establishment of the Cathedral of St. Andrew, and in 1867, recognizing the need for a quality education for Hawaiian girls, the St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls.

When King Lunalilo died in 1874, Queen Emma became a candidate for the royal throne. Known as "The People's Queen," she was loved for her humanitarian efforts throughout the Hawaiian Islands. She campaigned but was defeated by a vote at the legislature for King David Kalākaua.

Queen Emma died in April 1885 at the age of 49. She was given a royal funeral and was laid to rest in Mauna 'Ala, next to her husband and young son.

Her Legacy

Today, the students of St. Andrew's Schools honor Queen Emma by perpetuating her legacy of compassionate leadership through her Episcopal faith and her values of aloha, kuleana, and mālama, which are woven into our school traditions and educational curriculum.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

St. Andrew's Schools is rooted in the Episcopal tradition. The coral cross in the center of Robinson Courtyard serves as a symbol and reminder of the spiritual life of St. Andrew's. While the school is Christian in its foundation, St. Andrew's Schools strives to create an inclusive environment where children of all backgrounds and faith traditions are welcome and valued. St. Andrew's Schools enables students to develop and enhance their own understanding of the sacredness of life through worship experiences, classroom instruction, and interpersonal relationships.

St. Andrew's Schools holds weekly chapel service in the Cathedral of St. Andrew. The larger St. Andrew's Schools community gathers for all-school chapels to celebrate holidays and special occasions together in the historic Cathedral. On special occasions, we are joined by the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, and other local clergy.

SCHOOL OLI

Eō Ke Kuini

Leinā'ala Heine and Snowbird Bento

Eō ke kuini 'Emalani
Eō kou inoa lā ē
He ali'i wahine o Hawai'i
Ke ali'i kākou i kō aloha ē
No nā pua o Hawai'i nei
Eō mai ē
'Auhea wale 'oe e ka lani
Eō e ke kuini 'Emalani
Eia kō mau pua lokelani
Ua ala mākou e ke ali'i
E hali'a ana mai
Nā mamo o Hawai'i
Kō aloha laha'ole no nā kamali'i
E ho'oulu 'ia i ka malu o 'Iolani
E ala
E ulu
E ola
Kūlia i ka nu'u

E ola mau ka inoa o Kaleleonālani

Eō e Kalani 'Iolani

Heunukupua

Eō e Kalani 'Iolani
Eō mau kō inoa lā ē
He Lani nui 'oe o Hawai'i
He Ali'i o kākou i aloha ē
No nā pua o Hawai'i nei
Eō mai ē
'Auhea wale 'oe e ka lani
Eō e Kalani 'Iolani
Eia kō mau pōki'i 'ano lani
Ua ala mākou e ke Ali'i
E hali'a mai ana
Nā mamo o Hawai'i
I kō aloha laha 'ole no nā kamali'i
E ho'ōla 'ia i ka malu Haku Lani
E ala
E ulu
E ola
Kūlia i ka nu'u

E ola mau ka inoa o 'Iolani

2026-27 CALENDAR OVERVIEW

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6.12.26 All events and activities are subject to modification or cancellation.

2026

JULY	5 Friday	Holiday: Independence Day	School & Offices Closed
	6-10 Monday - Friday	Summer School - Week 5	
	13-17 Monday - Friday	Summer School - Week 6	
	20-24 Monday - Friday	Summer Camp - Week 1	
	27-31 Monday - Friday	Summer Camp - Week 2	
AUGUST	3-7 Monday - Friday	Summer Camp - Week 3	
	8 Saturday	K-12 New Family Orientation	
	17-20 Monday - Thursday	QEP No Classes	No Classes - QEP
	19 Wednesday	P-12 New Teacher Orientation	
	20 Thursday	P-12 Teacher Work Day	
	21 Friday	Holiday: Admissions Day	School & Offices Closed
	24-26 Monday - Wednesday	QEP No Classes	No Classes - QEP
	24-26 Monday - Wednesday	P-12 Returning Teacher Work Days	No Classes
	27 Thursday	P-12 First Day of School	
SEPTEMBER	7 Monday	Holiday: Labor Day	School & Offices Closed
	12 Saturday	QEP Parent Orientation Meeting	
OCTOBER	9 Friday	P-12 Fall Parent Teacher Conferences	No Classes - P-12
	12 Monday	Holiday: Indigenous Peoples Day	School & Offices Closed
	18 Tuesday	P-12 Teacher Professional Day	No Classes - P-12
NOVEMBER	11 Wednesday	Holiday: Veterans Day	School & Offices Closed
	25-27 Wednesday - Friday	Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	School & Offices Closed
	30 Monday	School Resumes	
DECEMBER	12 Saturday	QEP Christmas Program	
	21-Jan 1 Monday - Friday	Christmas Break	No Classes - P-12
	25 Friday	Holiday: Christmas	School & Offices Closed

2027

JANUARY	1 Friday	Holiday: New Year's Day	School & Offices Closed
	4 Monday	P-12 Teacher Work Day	No Classes - P-12
	5 Tuesday	Classes Resume	
	18 Monday	Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	School & Offices Closed
FEBRUARY	12 Friday	P-12 Spring Parent Teacher Conferences	No Classes - P-12
	15 Monday	Holiday: Presidents Day	School & Offices Closed
	16 Tuesday	P-12 Teacher Professional Day	No Classes - P-12
MARCH	15-26 Monday - Friday	Spring Break	No Classes - P-12
	15-19 Monday - Friday	Spring Camp - Week 1	
	22-25 Monday - Thursday	Spring Camp - Week 2	
	26 Friday	Holiday: Prince Kūhiō Day/Good Friday	School & Offices Closed
	29 Monday	Holiday: Easter Monday	School & Offices Closed
	30 Tuesday	School Resumes	
APRIL	30 Friday	K-12 May Day Celebration	
MAY	15 Saturday	QEP Graduation	
	20 Thursday	Ascension Day Celebration	
	21 Friday	Head of School Holiday	School & Offices Closed
	30 Sunday	Baccalaureate	
	31 Monday	Holiday: Memorial Day	School & Offices Closed
JUNE	1 Tuesday	Seniors Last Day of School	
	2 Wednesday	K-11 Last Day of School	
	3-4 Thursday - Friday	K-12 Teacher Work Days	
	6 Sunday	Commencement	
	7-10 Monday - Thursday	Summer School - Week 1	
	11 Friday	Holiday: King Kamehameha Day	School & Offices Closed
	14-17 Monday - Thursday	Summer School - Week 2	
	18 Friday	Holiday: Juneteenth (Observed)	School & Offices Closed
	21-25 Monday - Friday	Summer School - Week 3	
JULY	28-July 2 Monday - Friday	Summer School - Week 4	
	5 Monday	Holiday: Independence Day	School & Offices Closed
	6-9 Monday - Friday	Summer School - Week 5	
	12-16 Monday - Friday	Summer School - Week 6	
	19-23 Monday - Friday	Summer Camp - Week 1	
	26-30 Monday - Friday	Summer Camp - Week 2	
AUGUST	2-6 Monday - Friday	Summer Camp - Week 3	

PROCEDURES

Contact Information

St. Andrew’s Schools – Queen Emma Preschool
3019 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 595-4686

Department of Human Services
Child Care Licensing Unit 1
677 Queen Street, Room 400A
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 587-5266

School Hours and Schedule

Queen Emma Preschool is open weekdays from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Daily Schedule

7 – 9 a.m.	Drop Off Arrival time – Indoor activities
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Restroom, wash hands, snack, morning meeting
9:30 – 11 a.m.	Activity time, inside or outside play time
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lunch and clean up
12 – 12:30 p.m.	Story time, prepare for nap
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Nap time
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Snack time, story time
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Indoor, outdoor activities

Naptime

Naptime is from 12:30 – 2:15 p.m. daily. Children provide their own mat to place on the floor and a blanket to use as a cover. They may bring one security item such as a blanket, pillow, stuffed animal or snuggly that fits in their backpack or bag. The child’s blanket must be taken home to be cleaned and laundered weekly.

Chapel Services

The children attend chapel service every other week.

Orientation to School

The child’s first school experience is a very special time. The child will be on a half-day schedule for the first two days with pick-up by 12:30 p.m. If your child needs more time to transition to the school routine, we can extend their half days.

2026-27 Holidays (school not in session)

Holiday: Labor Day	Monday	September 7
P-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences	Friday	October 9
Holiday: Indigenous Peoples Day	Monday	October 12
QEP Parent-Teacher Conferences continue	Tuesday	October 13
Holiday: Veterans Day	Wednesday	November 11
Thanksgiving Break	Wed-Fri	November 25-27
Christmas Break	Mon-Fri	December 21-January 1
P-12 Teacher Work Day	Monday	January 4
Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 18
P-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences	Friday	February 12
Holiday: Presidents' Day	Monday	February 15
QEP Parent-Teacher Conferences continue	Tuesday	February 16
Spring Break	Mon-Thurs	March 15-25 (2 weeks)
Holiday: Prince Kūhio Day and Good Friday	Friday	March 29
Holiday: Easter Monday	Fri-Mon	April 3-6
Head of School Holiday	Friday	May 21
Holiday: Memorial Day	Monday	May 31
Holiday: King Kamehameha Day	Friday	June 11
Holiday: Juneteenth	Friday	June 18 (observed)
Holiday: Independence Day	Monday	July 5
Holiday: Statehood Day	Friday	August 20

Queen Emma Preschool Special Events

Held at St. Andrew's Schools' K-12 Campus (224 Queen Emma Square)

Parent Orientation Meeting	Saturday	September 12
Christmas Program	Saturday	December 12
Graduation Program	Saturday	May 15

Personal Items for School

Things To Bring

Please label all items brought to school with your child's name:

- Backpack for personal items
- Complete change of clothes
- Sweater or jacket
- Footwear – slippers or shoes
- Water bottle
- Sleeping mat/blanket and blanket to cover

Acceptable Items – One per child

- Items used for security – such as a blanket, pillow, stuffed animal, or snuggly which must fit in their backpack or bag.

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- Items to share with others – such as a book, tape, CD, DVD (G rated only)

Acceptable items must remain in the classroom.

Unacceptable Items (Unacceptable items will be returned to the parent)

- Items that promote violence or aggression – firearms, weapons, action figures, costumes, accessories, etc.
- Items that compromise health and safety – such as make-up, high heels, money.

Lost and Found

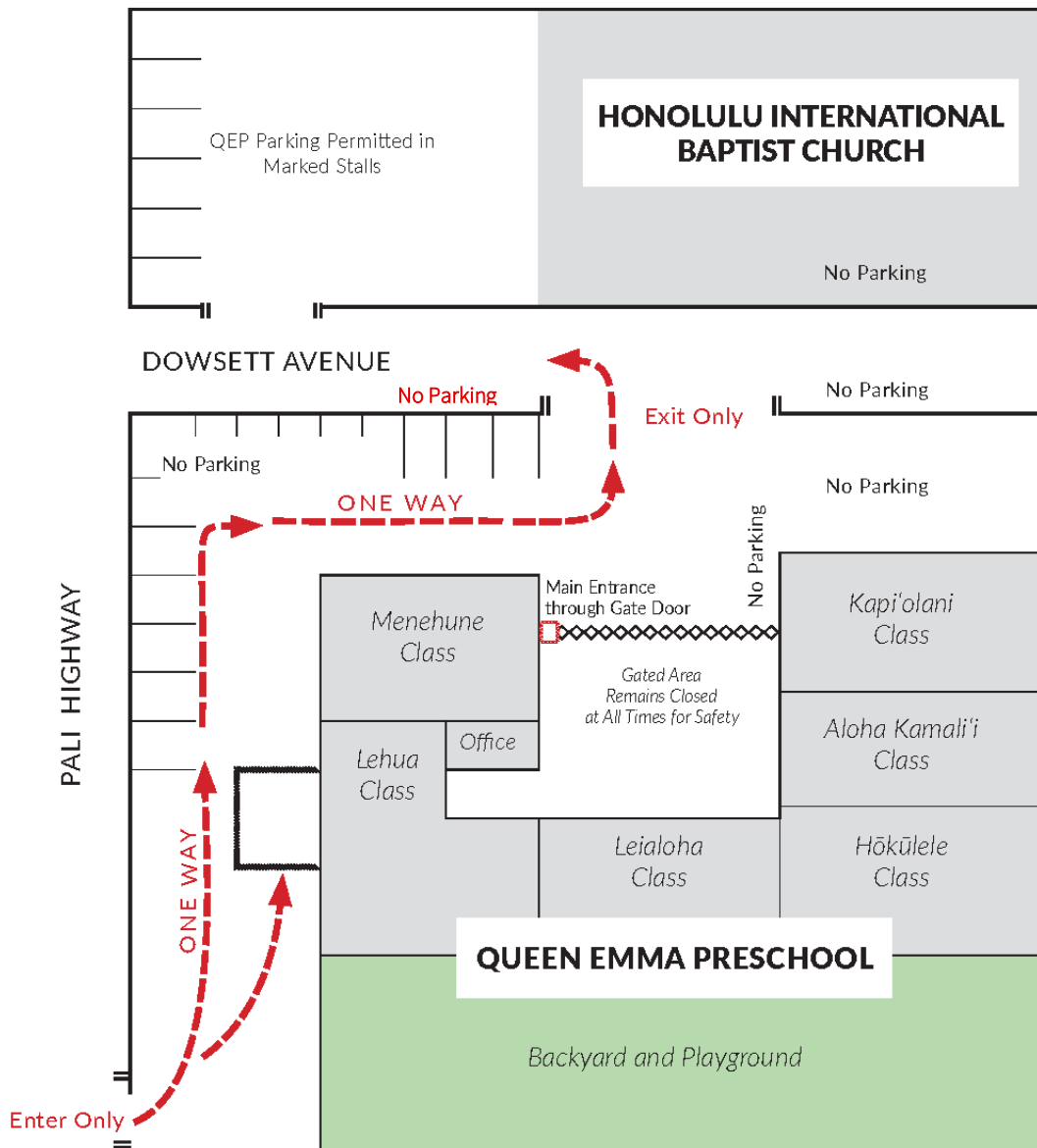
All belongings should be clearly marked with your child's name. Toys, money, and food should not be brought to school unless the teacher's permission has been given. Queen Emma Preschool is not responsible for any item that is lost, stolen, or damaged at school.

TRAFFIC FLOW PLAN

Traffic Pattern*

The traffic flow at Queen Emma Preschool is to enter only from Pali Highway and exit onto Dowsett Avenue. Please follow this pattern so we can maintain the highest level of safety for you and your children. Please share this with family and friends who will be picking up your child.

**When the driveway is not in use for drop-off and pick-up, parents should park in the church parking lot and walk across Dowsett Avenue. Parents will be informed by the preschool director when the driveway is not in use.*



Morning Drop-Off

Parents must drive slowly around the building. If parking, please do so only in marked stalls.

Afternoon Pick-Up

We will release children only to the authorized persons indicated on the Family Contact form unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher. (Telephone calls will be followed up with a return call to the parent to ensure it is the parent who has called.) We will ask for a picture ID as verification.

When arriving for pick-up, you will be asked to sign out. Children must be picked up no later than 5:30 p.m.

ABSENCES AND LATE FEE POLICY

Absences

Please notify your child's teacher if your child will be absent.

Late Fee Policy

Hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For continuity and safety reasons, we maintain our regular staff during all hours of operation. Should a family be continually tardy, the Director will meet with the family to help resolve the problem. Should the problem persist, an automatic \$20 late fee per day will be assessed via your Billing account.

CAMPUS SAFETY, SECURITY AND EMERGENCIES

Visitors on Campus

All visitors on campus MUST have a scheduled appointment. You are required to sign the visitor log.

Disorderly Conduct

Physical aggression, fighting or attempting bodily harm to another, disorderly, immoral, or indecent conduct or shouting on the Queen Emma Preschool or St. Andrew's Schools premises is prohibited. Participating in horseplay or practical jokes on the Queen Emma Preschool or St. Andrew's Schools premises is also prohibited. Use of profane or abusive language towards staff, parents, or children will not be tolerated. The violator will be asked to leave.

Mandated Reporting

In accordance with chapter 350 Hawai'i Revised Statutes, any mandated reporter who has reason to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred or that there exists a substantial risk that child abuse or neglect may occur in the reasonably foreseeable future, shall immediately report the matter orally to the department or to the police department. All child care providers, employees/household members in all license child care facilities and homes are mandated reporters.

Smoking, Drugs, and Alcohol

Tobacco use, including e-cigarettes and vaping devices, drugs, alcohol, and any other significant hazards that pose risks to children and adults are prohibited anywhere on the Preschool Campus.

Firearms

Carrying firearms or any other dangerous weapons on the Preschool premises is prohibited unless job required.

Weather Alert

Teachers are advised to keep the children indoors when there are reports or visible signs of high winds, rain, or high levels of vog or other air pollutants. Teachers will proceed with plans for providing physical activities for children indoors.

Emergency Medical Statement

If a child requires immediate attention, the child's physician and parent or guardian will be called. The child will be taken by ambulance to Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children. The Director, acting Director or teacher, will accompany the child and will remain with the child until a parent or guardian arrives at the hospital. If the child's doctor cannot be reached, the emergency room doctor will examine the child (permission has been signed by the parent or guardian on the registration form).

Emergency Cards

An emergency information card with phone numbers and alternative childcare information must be on file in the classroom. Also listed must be the names and relationships of authorized persons who may pick up your child. No child will be released to anyone not listed on the emergency card. Appropriate additions to or deletions from the list may be made at any time. Parents are responsible for keeping Queen Emma Preschool informed of any changes.

Matters of Family Law

Parents are required to provide the school with official court documents any time those documents explicitly name the school or refer to the school in general as a place of custody exchange or restricted access. These documents may include divorce decrees, custody agreements, temporary restraining orders, and protective orders. Parents are asked to proactively notify the administration in the event such documents become available so that they can be properly assessed, and any necessary plans can be developed. Such plans may include changes to parental access to information and/or the school's facilities. Should you have questions regarding this subject please contact the Head of School's office.

EMERGENCY PLAN

It is important that you are aware of the major hazards we might have to face and the procedures we will follow should one of them affect us.

We are providing this information not to unduly alarm you, but to inform you that we are making necessary preparations for the safety and welfare of your children.

For your information, the Oahu Civil Defense Agency has several preparedness brochures that explain in detail what we need to know and do. If you would like your own copy, please contact the Oahu Civil Defense Agency at (808) 523-4121 and they will mail one to you.

When and if a disaster or emergency occurs, your assistance and cooperation in following our plan is of major importance.

The Director of The Preschool, Ms. Susan Okoga, will direct all emergency actions that need to be taken. If the Director is not present then the senior teacher, Ms. Rene Kong, will be in charge.

Fire Drills

Fire drills will be held periodically. Children will leave our facility in an orderly fashion, under the teacher's supervision and rapidly (not running) walk to their designated areas. In the event our facility is damaged by fire and not habitable, we will care for the children at the International Baptist Church across the street and call for you to pick up your child as soon as possible.

Tsunami

A tsunami is a series of waves generally caused by earthquakes on or near the ocean floor, anywhere in the Pacific Basin. Alerting for a tsunami is accomplished by the issuance of tsunami watches and warnings.

A **tsunami watch** means an earthquake has occurred somewhere in the Pacific that could produce a tsunami, but the presence of waves has not yet been confirmed. A tsunami watch means to prepare.

A **tsunami warning** means that waves have been confirmed and all coastal areas of Oahu, identified on the maps in front of the telephone book, must be evacuated. We have adopted the following procedures in the event tsunami watches or warnings are announced, or a local tsunami-producing earthquake occurs.

Our facility is not in a tsunami evacuation zone, so we do not have to consider evacuation when a tsunami watch or warning is issued. We will remain in place under either condition and there should be no significant change to our normal routine. Please do not leave work or rush to the school if a watch or warning is announced. We will take care of your children until pick-up can be safely accomplished. If you are in or can get to a safe area close to where you work, do so. It is recommended that you remain in the safe area until the "All Clear" is announced. Delaying such unnecessary travel will assist in precluding traffic gridlock on our streets and allow emergency vehicles and those who must evacuate to move freely.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm

Hurricanes and tropical storms are intense weather systems, usually generated over warm Pacific waters from June through November, that can produce damaging surf, destructive winds, and heavy flooding. Alerting for these storms is accomplished by the issuance of hurricane or tropical storm watches and warnings.

Hurricane/tropical storm watches are issued by the National Weather Service about 36 hours prior to the arrival of hazardous storm effects on Oahu.

Hurricane/tropical storm warnings are issued when the storm effects could affect Oahu in 24 hours or less.

When a watch is issued, we will monitor the storm and make decisions to close before the issuance of a warning. The timing of the closure will generally coincide with the end of a normal working day and should not inconvenience you, if you are at work.

The hurricane/tropical storm public evacuation shelter closest to the school is at Nuʻuanu Elementary School. In the unlikely event we are faced with evacuation, we will evacuate the children by walking to the shelter. We will take with us clothes, blankets, first aid kits, food, and other necessary supplies.

Earthquakes

Should an earthquake of significant magnitude occur on Oahu, we can anticipate possible damage to our facility; the loss of electrical power, telephone, and water; and considerable disruption to the road networks around us. If we are indoors when an earthquake occurs, we will stay indoors and immediately take cover under tables and supported doorways, etc. If outdoors, we will stay outdoors and away from electrical lines and tall trees. When the shaking stops, we will treat and care for anyone who is injured and then evaluate the condition of the school. If the facility is sound, we will remain in place and listen on our hand-crank portable radio for Civil Defense instructions. We will sustain ourselves the best way we can.

If the facility is damaged or could sustain damage as the result of an aftershock, we will gather ourselves and our necessary supplies and attempt to move to Nuʻuanu Elementary School or an open area in the neighborhood. We will sustain ourselves the best way we can for up to 72 hours, until assistance can be provided by Civil Defense authorities.

Public evacuation shelters will not be automatically opened until they have been inspected for structural integrity. Although such inspections have a high priority, because of damaged road systems or other hazards, delays can be expected. Shelter openings will be announced over the Emergency Broadcast System.

Flooding

Our school is not located in an identified flood zone. However, during extremely heavy periods of rain, or under hurricane/tropical storm conditions, flooding in our area is possible. In the event we are advised to evacuate, or if water begins to rise around our building, we plan to gather our survival kits and immediately evacuate to Nuʻuanu Elementary School.

In summary, please be assured that we will take good care of your children during any emergency or disaster.

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School Closures

A good rule of thumb for school closures: If it is announced over the radio or television that the public schools are closing, likely we will also be closing. Under no circumstance, however, will we close until all children have been picked up by their parents or designee.

Please do not call us during emergencies. We will send out emergency communications as soon as we are able. It is important to keep the telephone lines open and available for those who have urgent needs.

It is essential that you establish individual and family plans for tsunami, hurricane, earthquake, and flooding. These plans should identify what preparatory actions should be taken for each hazard. They should include where shelters are located and how you will travel to them if evacuation advisories are issued, what you plan to do if the family is separated, what type of survival supplies you will need, etc. Such information can be obtained from the Oahu Civil Defense Agency at (808) 523-4121.

Campus Lockdown

In the event it becomes necessary to secure the entire school campus, all doors will be locked, and the children and adults will remain inside until considered safe.

If the facility becomes uninhabitable or if the facility is ordered to evacuate, we will gather ourselves and our necessary supplies and attempt to move to our designated emergency evaluation shelter: **International Baptist Church**.

An emergency evacuation plan will be established with families upon enrollment of their child with disabilities or chronic medical conditions. The plan will detail steps we will take to protect the health and safety of their child. In addition to a signed medical permission form and permission to administer medication form, the plan will include any special procedures for transporting and storing needed medications and equipment.

Parent Reunification: If we need to evacuate, shelter-in-place, or when parents/guardians are unable to pick up their children, we will use the following procedures to reunite children with parents/guardians or an authorized emergency contact as soon as it is safe:

1. Ensure that every child's parent is notified of the location of the reunification site.
2. Release the child to parent or authorized pick-up person, verifying with information on contact forms. If the parent and/or emergency contacts are unable to pick up the child after the all-clear is announced, parents/guardians must contact us regarding care of the child.
3. Instruct parents to leave the site once they have signed out their child.
4. If a child needs to be transported for medical care, the child will be accompanied by an authorized adult.

Liability Insurance

Queen Emma Preschool carries liability insurance. Please contact our Business Office for details.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health Requirements

Hawai'i State law requires all students to meet examination and immunization requirements before they may attend school. A physical exam and a tuberculosis clearance obtained at age 12 months or older must be completed within 1 year before entering a childcare facility or preschool in Hawai'i. For details about these requirements, please visit the [State of Hawai'i School Health Requirements](#) webpage from the State of Hawai'i, Department of Health.

Health Policy

When your child appears to be ill, has a cold, or a fever, please keep him/her at home. We do not have an employee to care for sick children at preschool. This is for the protection of all children and staff and will help your child recover sooner.

Any child with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home. If a child becomes ill at school, the child will be able to rest quietly away from the other children in the office until a parent is able to pick them up. Children with symptoms of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea will not be allowed to return to school the next day. Your child will be welcomed back to school after being symptom-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

A child absent with a communicable disease may return with their physician's written clearance attesting that such conditions are no longer contagious. Some examples of communicable diseases are:

Chickenpox	Scabies
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Strep throat
Hand, foot, and mouth	Whooping cough
Impetigo	Other (determined by a doctor)
Ringworm	

Epinephrine Injection (EpiPen® / Auvi-Q®)

If an epinephrine injection is administered, the school will call for an ambulance to take the child immediately to an emergency room. Parent/guardian consent and medical provider authorization forms are required and must be uploaded to Magnus Health.

Wounds

All open wounds must be covered. If your child gets a splinter or other foreign object imbedded in their skin, the area will be washed with soap and water then covered and a parent will be notified. If the object can be easily removed then a teacher will remove the object, wash the area with soap and water and cover it.

Soiled Clothing

Clothing that is soiled by urine or feces will be placed in a plastic bag and sent home that day for laundering.

When in question, please keep your child at home. The Preschool is not a place for sick children. Please report all absences to your child's teacher.

Health Alert

A Health Alert notice will be posted in each class and shared with families when a parent reports that their child has a communicable disease. This will alert families to be on the watch for these symptoms and to help stop the spread of these diseases. The School Nurse will also be notified.



HEALTH ALERT

Early Signs of Infection

❑ **CHICKENPOX** – Onset is 11 to 21 days after exposure.

Symptoms: Slight fever and irritability for 1 day, and fine blisters on the trunk and face. Child is contagious for up to 5 days before the blisters to 6 days after. Do not bring your child to school for 7 days after the rash appears or until all scabs dry, whichever is first.

❑ **STREP** (including Scarlet Fever and Strep Sore Throat) – Onset is 2 to 5 days after exposure.

Symptoms: Sore throat, fever and occasionally a rash. Children may return to school 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Consult your doctor.

❑ **GERMAN MEASLES** (Rubella) – Onset is 2 to 3 weeks after exposure.

Symptoms: Slight head cold, swollen glands at the back of the neck, and a changeable rash that goes away in 2 to 3 days. **KEEP YOUR CHILD AWAY FROM WOMEN WHO ARE IN THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY.** Do not bring your child to school for 7 days after the rash begins.

❑ **HAND, FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE** – Viral disease, with a rash in the mouth and on the hands or feet. The rash appears within 3 to 5 days on the gums, inside of the cheek and sides of the tongue, on the palms and fingers of the hands and on the soles of the feet. Child should stay home from school as long as they have symptoms.

❑ **RINGWORM** – Onset varies but normally 4 to 10 days after exposure.

Symptoms: Rounded, reddish area with a scaly or blistering border, often itchy. Do not bring your child to school until the day after treatment begins. Cover sores with clothing or a dry bandage.

❑ **HEAD LICE** – Anyone can get lice. Can be spread from person to person by direct contact. Observe your child's hair and scalp for eggs or nits (tiny, pearly white, egg-shaped objects) that stick slightly to hair shafts. Do not bring child to school until after treatment and all the nits are removed. Carefully check other members of the family for eggs or nits.

❑ **CONJUNCTIVITIS** (Pinkeye) – Onset is 24 to 62 hours after exposure.

Symptoms: Yellow mucous discharge that makes the eyes sticky. Very contagious if the conjunction is caused by infection. Children under 5 are most susceptible. Consult your doctor. Do not bring your child to school until the day after treatment begins.

❑ **IMPETIGO** – Onset varies.

Symptoms: Yellow crusty sores or pimple-like spots with watery heads that break and form crusted areas. Spreads rapidly on contact from fluid. Contact your doctor. Do not bring your child to school until the day after treatment begins and all sores are covered.

❑ **ROSEOLA** – Sudden high fever for 3 to 5 days, followed by a rash lasting 1 to 2 days. The rash first starts on the trunk and spreads to the rest of the body. The incubation period is from 5 to 15 days. The best way to prevent the spread is to stay home and avoid exposing others during the fever stage.

❑ **PINWORM** – Spread by direct transfer of pinworm eggs by hand from the anus to mouth, or from bedding, clothing, food, or other things contaminated with eggs.

Symptoms: Itching around the anus, not sleeping well and irritability. Consult your physician.

Health Screening

Parents/guardians are asked to conduct a health screening daily prior to arriving at school. Common symptoms of illness include:

- Fever or chill
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Students exhibiting possible symptoms should not come to school.

Accidents

It is important that parents/guardians maintain an updated list of authorized emergency medical contacts in Magnus Health. The School Nurse will treat minor accidents. Parents/guardians will be notified of minor accidents and subsequent treatment, except in the case of simple bumps, cuts, or scrapes. In cases of accidents at school requiring immediate professional medical attention, a staff member will call 911 and arrange for transport to the emergency room. A staff member will accompany any child needing emergency hospital care until the arrival of a parent, guardian, or family designee.

Concussions

A concussion is a mild traumatic brain injury. Concussions can be caused by a direct blow to the head or body that results in a rapid acceleration or deceleration of the head and neck. This injury changes the way the cells in the brain normally work leading to a variety of physical, cognitive, and emotional symptoms. It can take three weeks or longer to fully recover from a concussion. Concussion management involves creating a support system around the student. Based on your child's medical provider recommendation our administrators, teachers, and coaches will work to modify the environment around the student to maximize their concussion recovery.

Students should not return to school until cleared to do so by a medical provider. As the child is recovering, part-day school attendance may be appropriate and will be accommodated.

Medication Policy

- Medicine must be prescribed by a physician.
- All medicine must be clearly labeled by the pharmacist with your child's name, medication, dosage, and instructions.
- No over-the-counter medication will be administered without a physician's prescription.
- Medicine must be in its original container with the pharmacy label
- Prescription medication will be administered only if prescribed for your child. No medicine with someone else's name will be administered.

- Medicine given only at lunch time.
- Medicine needs to go home daily.
- Parents must complete an [Administering Medication Request Form](#) via Magnus Health for each new medication.
- Always give medication directly to the teacher. Never leave medicine in your child's bag, backpack, or lunch bag.
- A medication box is available in the refrigerator for medicine needing to be kept cold.
- Teachers will administer all medication.
- These policies are to ensure your child's safety and will be enforced.

Medication Procedures for Teachers

- Teachers will obtain and review the Administering Medication Request Form prior to administering any medication.
- Only teachers may administer medication.
- Medication must always be in a locked cabinet or the refrigerator out of the reach of children.
- Read the label carefully to ensure proper storage and any special instructions.
- Medication must be in the original container with pharmacist label, child's name, dosage, and instructions.
- Medication will be administered in private.

Administering Procedures

- ___ Wash your hands.
- ___ Check the child's name and date of birth.
- ___ Verify by asking the child, "What is your name?"
- ___ Mark the dosage on the medicine cup with a permanent marker.
- ___ Dispense the correct amount.
- ___ Recheck child's name, dosage and pharmacist instruction.
- ___ Have another teacher verify and witness.
- ___ Administer medication and be sure all medication is taken.
- ___ Return medication to the appropriate storage location.
- ___ Sign medication record with the date and time medication was administered.
- ___ Witness must countersign to verify a true and accurate account.
- ___ Wash your hands.

NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES

Queen Emma Preschool permits food to be brought in for breakfast or lunch. To encourage healthier dietary and dental habits, we request that food be nutritious and not excessively sweet or salty.

Allergy Awareness

Some children are allergic to many products that we use every day. Their bodies will react to allergens, some with fatal consequences. They cannot come in contact with the oils and residues that the other children might inadvertently leave on surfaces. **Therefore, Queen Emma Preschool is a nut/peanut butter free environment.**

Peanut butter will not be allowed on campus or at school functions. If your child eats a peanut product before coming to school, please be sure they brush their teeth and wash their hands with soap and water before they touch anything at school. The oils that they leave on any surface may cause a severe reaction to a child allergic to nuts.

Please follow these simple rules:

- Food must be eaten only by the child who brings it. No sharing.
- Uneaten food will be discarded and not left in a child's cubby.
- You may apply ointments (sunscreen, insect repellent) to your child ONLY.

Snacks and Lunch

Snacks are prepared and served in the morning and afternoon. Lunch is catered by FoodStart, the vendor on the SAS downtown campus, according to current Department of Human Services standards which includes milk. The lunch menu and snacks are reviewed by a nutritionist.

Approved List

Beverages

100% fruit juices, ice cream or frozen yogurt-based fruit smoothies, plain milk, or water.

Breads

Apple, apricot, bagels without seeds or nuts, banana, bread pudding, bread sticks, cinnamon, pumpkin, zucchini, unfrosted cinnamon rolls, cornbread, English muffins, French toast, garlic, guava, pancakes (herbed, plain, or fruited), Portuguese sweet, raisin, scones, sourdough, taro, plain or cinnamon toast, waffles.

Cakes/Cupcakes/Muffins (unfrosted)

Angel food cake, apple, apricot, banana, blueberry, butter, bran, carrot, cherry, pumpkin, cinnamon, corn, cranberry, zucchini; chiffon, guava, gingerbread, Jell-O cakes with fruit, lemon, lime, peach, pineapple, prune, spice, strawberry, vanilla, white, yellow.

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Cereals

All unfrosted cereals, except those that have marshmallow pieces, nuts in their ingredients and/or chocolate.

Cookies/Bars

Plain almond flavored cookies (no nut), animal, apple, plain butter, cinnamon, cornflake, cranberry, date, fig, plain gingerbread, gingersnaps, Graham Bears (without chocolate), all varieties of granola bars except ones with nuts, peanut butter and chocolate, oatmeal with or without raisins, peach, prune, raspberry.

Crackers

All brands of cheese sandwich crackers, all varieties of Cheezits, cream crackers, Wheat Thins, all varieties of Goldfish, cinnamon or regular graham crackers, oyster crackers, all varieties of rice crackers or cakes (except chocolate and peanut butter), all varieties of Ritz except peanut butter, soda crackers, all brands of wheat crackers.

Ethnic Foods

Guacamole, latkes, manju, musubi, nachos, saimin, somen salad, mild salsas, vegetable/meat tempura, haupia. No shellfish or oyster sauce.

Frozen Treats

Fruit juice bars and ice cakes, all varieties of ice cream, popsicles, sherbet, sorbet, Gogurt and yogurt (except chocolate and coffee flavors).

Fruits

All fresh, canned, frozen or dried fruits (without sulfites): Apples, apricots, bananas, blueberries, cantaloupe, pitted cherries cut in half, cranberries, dates, figs, seedless grapes (must be cut in half), guavas, honeydew melon, jabon, kiwi, lychee, mango, mountain apples, nectarines, oranges, papayas, peaches, pears, pineapple, prunes, raisins (non-sulfite), raspberries, starfruit, strawberries, tangerines, or watermelon.

Gelatin/Pudding

100% fruit juice-based gelatin squares, all flavors of Jell-O accompanied with fruits. All flavors of pudding except chocolate and pistachio.

Pies

All-fruit and all-vegetable pies and custard pie. No cream, chocolate, and peanut butter pies.

Vegetables and Dips

All vegetables such as artichokes, asparagus, beans, beets, bell peppers, broccoli, cabbage, carrots (sliced thin), cauliflower, celery, corn, lettuce, cucumbers, mushrooms, pitted olives, onions, pickles, potatoes, pumpkin, radishes, spinach, sprouts, squash, tomatoes, turnips, and zucchini served with or without yogurt, sour cream or mayonnaise-based dips, tuna, cream cheese, or other spreads.

Unacceptable List

- Peanut butter or nuts of any kind at all school functions
- Any foods with a label that indicates, “Processed in a facility that also processes nuts/peanuts.”
- Chocolate or anything resembling chocolate
- Frosting and sprinkles or anything resembling sprinkles, whipped topping
- Candy, popcorn, pretzels, dried fruits with sulfites, chips
- Seafood, shellfish, oyster sauce (noodles, gau gee, wonton, etc.)
- Fruit roll ups, fun fruits, or anything resembling gummy snacks
- Hot dogs (whole or sliced into rounds), raw peas, chunks of raw carrots, meat (larger than ½” pieces)
- Mochi type items (mochi, gau, kulolo, bibingka, etc.)
- Latex balloons
- Toys smaller than 1½” in diameter

Items considered unacceptable will be returned to you and not distributed or served.

Queen Emma Preschool is a peanut-free environment!

Food and Beverages Brought from Home

All food and beverages brought from home must be labeled with your child’s name and the date. If it must be kept cool, bring it in a bag with a cold pack. Staff will supplement food prepared at school with food brought from home if necessary.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Our Promise

Queen Emma Preschool will provide a high-quality, developmentally appropriate curriculum with knowledgeable staff that offers quality adult/child interactions in a safe and nurturing environment.

Queen Emma Preschool strives to:

- Provide a safe and nurturing environment;
- Offer high quality adult/child interactions;
- Honor and respect children;
- Provide a curriculum that is developmentally and age appropriate and provides a strong foundation for learning with equal emphasis on academic, social, emotional, physical, language, and creative development.
- Provide a rich environment for learning;
- Develop the child's positive self-concept and joy of learning;
- Encourage & welcome parent and family involvement;
- Nurture and support teachers in their teaching;
- Nurture and support teachers in their pursuit of professional excellence.

Queen Emma Preschool's Early Childhood Educational Philosophy

Queen Emma Preschool's philosophy is based on a developmental approach to learning. We know that all areas of development are important in developing the "total child." We focus our program on building a strong foundation for learning in all areas of development. Because cognitive skills are so closely intertwined with the physical, social, and emotional skills of a child, we focus on attending to all these skills.

Research shows that young children learn best through manipulation of materials and hands-on experiences which are planned by knowledgeable teachers. This learning may look like play, but it is play with a purpose.

In Early Childhood courses, we learned that playing is the work of children and that is how they learn. It is referred to as "plerking." This word represents how we actively combine play and learning to actively unite the mind, body, and spirit. Play provides many opportunities to develop cognitive, social-emotional, and physical skills. Children learn best not by being told what to do but when their whole self is involved.

Through play children can see how new experiences are related to previous learning. Much of what we learn cannot be taught directly but must be put together in our own way through our own experiences (active rather than passive). Play encourages an attitude towards inventiveness that contributes to being able to think up many ideas, new ways of doing things, and ways to solve problems.

Play allows children to develop skills for seeing something from another person's point of view, cooperating, helping, and sharing, as well as for solving problems. They develop both leading and following behaviors, both of which they need to get along in the world.

Play enables children to learn about learning – through curiosity, invention, staying with a task, and so much more. Children’s attention spans are amazingly long when they are interested. Children become interested in learning when they learn through play. They learn to like learning and become life-long learners.

Play provides many opportunities for acquiring these skills. Through play children learn cooperation, vocabulary, concepts, self-confidence, motivation, and an awareness of the needs of others. These are just as important in learning to read as the ability to recognize letters and sounds.

At Queen Emma Preschool, academic learning is playful and exploratory. Children contribute their own ideas, use their own problem-solving strategies, and often pursue their own interests. Teachers are able to weave academic goals and objectives as they build on what children can do and challenge them to try new things.

Teachers know that high standards are important and that using play to build success is what is best for preschoolers. Therefore, play is the foundation for children’s healthy development. Both parents and teachers have an important role in fostering that development by how we interact and purposefully structure the environment for play to be a learning experience.

We respect children’s “pinking” because we know how important it is in developing the “total child.” When school is a fun place and children are surrounded by caring, supportive, and knowledgeable adults, the learning will happen! This is just the beginning of many years of learning.

Curriculum

Recognizing the preschool years as the most significant time of your child’s life, we focus our program on building a strong foundation for learning, rather than short term achievements such as by rote learning or memorization. Long term attitudes, values, and skills are forming through the child’s experiences. Therefore, our greatest concern is the development of a positive self-concept and a joy of learning.

Queen Emma Preschool is open to all children, there are no tests for admission. We accept each child at their own level of development and then through an effective assessment process we move them forward. Consequently, there may be a wide range of abilities in each classroom. This requires teachers to relate to children as individuals, so they may guide and encourage each child’s growth to their greatest capacity.

In these early years children are not in competition with one another and comparisons made concerning their progress are often invalid. Academics are an important part of our program yet ranked equally with social, emotional, and physical development. A child’s own interest is often an indication of readiness for new challenges. Persistent encouragement and patience are essential from adults as well as recognizing when “not to push.” Our preschool graduates are well-rounded in their preparation for kindergarten, have confidence in themselves, and are eager to learn.

Queen Emma Preschool prepares children to the fullest extent possible for their elementary school years and may continue their education at St. Andrew’s Schools K-12 campus at 224 Queen Emma.

St. Andrew’s Schools provides an educational program that helps them to build a strong foundation for learning. With caring, nurturing relationships as our cornerstone, students thrive in a safe environment that promotes the intellectual curiosity, social, emotional, physical, and moral growth of each child.

A detailed description of the K-12 educational program is available in the K-12 Curriculum Guide.

Assessment

The assessment of a child's growth is an ongoing process administered over time. Through daily activities and assessments, we determine a child's intellectual, physical, and social emotional growth and development. These activities and assessments are a natural extension of the classroom and help us to evaluate the child's demonstrated knowledge in the process of completing authentic activities.

The purpose of the assessment is to collect the information necessary to make informed decisions about the child's developmental and educational needs and use the information to set individual goals. An initial assessment is made within 3 months of the child's entry into the program. A mid-year assessment is made to check the progress towards the goals set for each child.

Teachers may use informal assessments such as observational and work sampling techniques, anecdotal assessments which provide objective accounts of events or behaviors, and checklists that list skills or behaviors arranged by developmental domains. Families are also an integral part of the assessment process. Families are encouraged to share observations from home on an ongoing basis to provide teachers with a better understanding of a child's development, especially regarding behaviors not observed in the classroom setting.

Should it be necessary, the assessments also help teachers make informed decisions regarding arranging for developmental screening and referrals for diagnostic assessment.

A written assessment is recorded and shared with parents/guardians at two conferences held during the year. All assessment results are strictly confidential and are shared only with appropriate teaching staff and by written consent.

NON-POTTY-TRAINED TWO YEAR OLDS

We partner with families to support their young children in diapers and the potty learning process. Potty training is something adults teach children but potty learning is definitely a partnership between the children, parents, and teachers.

Potty learning is a big step in your child's development and involves helping your child become aware of their body. It is important for your child's success that all caregivers both at home and school work together to be supportive, positive, and consistent throughout the potty learning process.

We understand that potty learning can be one of the most frustrating, stressful, and difficult aspects of parenting a young child. However, we are here to help you prepare so that you and your child will succeed much faster with the potty learning process.

Potty learning is something you do together with your child. You are helping your child learn an important skill that takes time, understanding and patience. Getting started is really about when you as a parent are ready to make the commitment. It is your choice when to start the process as long as the experience is a positive one.

In the classroom, diapers will be checked regularly throughout the day and the results will be logged and shared with you. Using diapers is highly encouraged over pull-ups. Pull-ups were basically created as a convenience for the adults and do not support young children in the learning process. Pull-ups are made to keep children feeling dry whether they are wet or not. This can be confusing to children and will prolong the potty learning process.

When children remain dry throughout the day and use the toilet successfully, they can transition to training pants, which are thick, absorbent underwear. These help contain accidents but the children will feel when it is wet. To enhance learning, regularly scheduled visits to the toilet with positive reinforcement and support will lead to success.

It is our expectation that when a child moves to the 3 year old class, they will be fully potty-trained.

Potty-Trained Children

Newly enrolled children in our preschool classes for 3-5 year olds are expected to be potty trained upon entrance. These children must be able to transition to school within the first two months of school.

EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOR

Guidance

We provide a variety of interesting learning environments with plenty of opportunities for the children to make choices of what they would like to do and who they would like to play with. Our learning environments allow for experimenting, physical and quiet activities, opportunities to play alone or with a group of children and learning in all areas of development. This recognizes and respects the uniqueness of each individual child.

We set appropriate regular routines, are consistent with expectations, provide many choices, and give reminders and advance warnings before making transitions.

We are respectful of children by getting down to their eye level, making eye contact, and speaking softly when addressing them. We use positive words expressing what we want to see happen instead of describing negative behaviors such as, “We walk inside” or “We use gentle hands with our friends.” When dealing with conflicts we try to be fair and listen to both sides of those involved. We offer solutions that address the problem, but also offer a way for the child to find a comfortable solution. We might offer solutions like, “You can find a quiet space to calm down or I can choose one for you.”

If a child is unable to control his behavior, a brief time-out is given for the child to regain control and to think about his behavior. Time-out occurs only after other measures fail and is not used for punishment.

If a child is unable to gain control and requires more individual attention, a visit to the office with the director may be needed. If more individual time is needed, we may contact a parent.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

In accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes (§17-896.1-11):

St. Andrew's Suspension and Expulsion Policy includes:

- A child may be suspended under the conditions listed below under "Separation from the School;"
- Parents/guardians will be allowed sufficient timeframe before the suspension/expulsion to allow the parents/guardians to make alternative childcare arrangements;
- Immediate expulsion such as imminent danger to the health, welfare, or safety of the children;
- Parents will be provided with written notifications of concerns that may lead to the child's expulsion; and
- When the expulsion occurs, St. Andrew's Schools shall maintain a record of the conditions, parental notification and action taken.

Separation from the School

A child may be asked to separate from the school for serious behaviors that pose a threat to self, others, or property. These behaviors include biting, hitting, kicking, choking, pinching, scratching, shoving, or throwing toys or furniture.

The following process is followed when a student displays serious behaviors:

- The teacher will notify the parents/guardians of the student's behavior.
- Information will be gathered from the teacher and others.
- The Director will communicate and/or meet with the student's parents/guardians to share resources for mitigating the behavior and to inform them of possible consequences.
- Continued incidents of misbehavior will require additional meetings. The Head of School may be involved, and consequences may include suspension or expulsion from Queen Emma Preschool.

PARENT PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT

Volunteering at QEP

Specific information about parent involvement will be shared as appropriate.

Conferences

During the initial visits the parents, the child, and the teachers have an opportunity to get acquainted. Parents/guardians have a chance to discuss their child with the teacher, ask questions and get acclimated to The Preschool. Parents are asked to formally share with the school information about their child and family by completing the “Getting to Know Your Child and Family” questionnaire. This information will be placed in the child’s file and used to enhance the environment and curriculum with respect to the families we serve.

Two additional conferences are also held during the year. A written assessment of the child’s intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development is recorded and shared with the parents during these conferences. All records are kept in a secure location.

Conflict Resolution

When concerns or differences occur, you should go directly to the person, whether it is a teacher, director, or another parent to discuss the issue. The issue should be clarified in a way that shows respect for diversity among people and those involved should attempt to solve the matter. It is not proper or acceptable to discuss the issue with persons who are not directly involved.

If direct conversation with the person does not bring resolution, the concern should be discussed with the Director. If the conversation with the Director does not bring resolution, the concern should be discussed with the Head of School of St. Andrew’s Schools. The Head of St. Andrew’s Schools may arrange a meeting of all persons involved to discuss the issue.

Parents/guardians may call the Department of Human Services at (808) 587-5266 if the conflict is unable to be resolved.

We thank parents and/or guardians for modeling civil and courteous communication with school employees. St. Andrew’s Schools reserves the right to suspend or dis-enroll a student if in the judgment of the Head of School the attitude, influence, or behavior of the student, or of the parent/guardian(s), does not serve the best interests of the school, are in conflict with our policies, or in violation of the law.

QEP Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The QEP Parent Teacher Association is open to parents, families, and staff of Queen Emma Preschool. Its purpose is to assist Queen Emma Preschool in fundraising events, building improvements, school maintenance, and special projects that are not curriculum-related or are not otherwise covered by St. Andrew’s Schools.

The purpose of the Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) shall be to foster and promote the welfare of the school, students, and teachers. The PTF shall promote activities that will maintain and further develop team spirit and communication among all members of the St. Andrew’s ‘ohana – which includes students, parents, faculty, administrators, and friends. The PTF will cooperate with the school by promoting excellence in education, fundraising, and involvement in community service. Current PTF information can be found on the school’s website.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOLS

Clear communication and keeping our parents/guardians well-informed are among our top priorities. There are many ways to stay connected to St. Andrew's Schools and stay up to date about school news and activities.

Teacher to parent communication is conducted through the following channels:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences (Fall and Spring)
- Report cards and interim reports
- Parent events such as Back to School Nights
- Teacher voicemail and email
- Individual notes

School to parent communication is conducted through the following channels:

- **MyPortal** is a designated area of our website for parents and students to access important school resources, contact information, handbooks, forms, and principal communication. You will also find useful 'Quick Links' to other platforms such as Canvas, PowerSchool, Finalsite (Enrollment and Billing), Magnus, and EZ School Apps (lunch accounts). Access MyPortal at standrewsschools.org/myportal.
- **Director's Blog** is located on the MyPortal site and serves as a message board for the director to post reminders and updates. 'Subscribe' to this blog and you will receive email alerts each time a new blog is posted. Access the Director's Blog at standrewsschools.org/OEPblog.
- **'Ohana News** and **'Ohana Updates** are regular e-newsletters featuring campus news, event recap and photos, announcements, and important deadlines.

Follow Us on Social Media

Below are the St. Andrew's Schools social media profiles that we invite you to follow.

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

The Media

All media inquiries should be directed to the Head of School and/or the Director of Enrollment and Communications. If a parent wishes to make a public statement, engage in an interview, or in any way communicate with the media in any manner having to do with, or referring to St. Andrew's Schools, whether at the parent's or the media's instigation, all requests are to be referred to the Director of Enrollment and Communications.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Admission to St. Andrew's is based upon academic promise, achievement, and personal character. The online admission application can be found on our website at standrewsschools.org/apply. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (808) 532-2427. The office is located on the first floor of Transfiguration Hall. Admissions inquiries are welcome throughout the year, but early application is recommended.

Financial Aid (for K-12 students only)

St. Andrew's Schools remains committed to our founding values of providing access to an excellent education for Hawai'i's children. The school seeks to enroll qualified students from diverse backgrounds and experiences, adding breadth to the educational experience of all its students and reflecting the world in which we live. To achieve that goal, the school dedicates a significant amount of funds to the financial aid budget, and every effort is made to bring this extraordinary educational opportunity into reach for the families who demonstrate need for financial assistance.

While St. Andrew's Schools' financial aid budget is substantial, requests for financial aid heavily outweigh our resources. The school is typically not able to meet the full needs of each family. It is the goal of St. Andrew's to offer educational opportunities to as many mission-appropriate students as possible. Financial aid awards are made for one year only. Each year the family must reapply and demonstrate need as determined by our third-party financial aid service provider. When parents are divorced, separated, or never married, the assets of both natural parents and their households are considered in determining parental financial responsibility. For detailed information, visit the [Financial Aid and Scholarships page](#).

Tuition Payment Guidelines

St. Andrew's Schools has implemented the following tuition policies to clarify expectations and simplify procedures.

- All prior financial obligations must be met before a student is permitted to start a new school year.
- The first tuition payment of the school year must be made on or before July 31 for the student to maintain their enrolled status at the school.
- If a student's account becomes 60 days past due, the student may not be able to attend school or participate in school activities until the account is made current.
- All balances from the first semester must be paid in full for a student to start the second semester.
- If a student's account becomes delinquent, the parent/guardian understands that report cards, transcripts, diploma, and other student records may be withheld.

Timely tuition payments help St. Andrew's Schools to provide a quality education to our students; however, we understand that the financial needs of families may change during the school year. If you experience a change that will affect your ability to pay tuition on time, please contact Julie Smith in the Business Office at (808) 532-2406 or jsmith@standrewsschools.org to discuss modified payment arrangements.

OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

St. Andrew's Schools is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Hawai'i and relies on a variety of revenue sources such as: tuition revenue, fees, ancillary programs, endowment income, and charitable gifts. The Office of Institutional Advancement serves as St. Andrew's Schools' central fundraising entity that secures external private funding to enhance and support the school's mission and vision. Private donations to the school include outright and planned gifts from parents/guardians and grandparents, alumnae, faculty and staff, board of trustees, private foundations, businesses and corporations, and friends of St. Andrew's Schools. Donors are acknowledged publicly in St. Andrew's Schools' donor roll in the school's annual magazine publication, on the school's website and social media, and other marketing and communications efforts.

Development and Fundraising Policy

In the interest of coordinated and successful fundraising programs at St. Andrew's Schools, the Board of Trustees, through the advancement committee, assumes responsibility for sanctioning all development activities (e.g., fundraising and constituent relations) conducted on behalf of St. Andrew's Schools.

All development activities conducted by students, employees, parents/guardians, and alumnae on behalf of St. Andrew's Schools are to be reviewed and approved by the director of institutional advancement prior to the start of the activity. Any fundraising effort that expects to raise more than \$500 or includes inviting parents/guardians, alumnae, or friends of St. Andrew's Schools to make contributions of cash, merchandise, or gifts in kind must be approved in writing by the director of institutional advancement, preferably one year in advance. Approval will be made provided that such activities complement the annual and strategic fundraising priorities of St. Andrew's Schools and that they support the school's mission and vision.

Members of the school community—students, faculty, staff, administrators, or parents/guardians—should not solicit directly, nor accept any contributions for individuals and/or particular school programs or activities, except in accordance with this policy.

Members of the school community shall not be exploited in activities which would be detrimental to the children or the program.

Incremental Fundraising

Occasionally, stakeholders of St. Andrew's Schools may show interest in augmenting the school's available program funding, equipment, staffing, or programming in particular areas through ad hoc fundraising efforts. While the school is grateful for the interest shown, such solicitation can both undermine the school's established fundraising program and create inequity among and improper prioritization of the school's programs and activities.

Therefore, potential donors may pursue the purchase and donation of equipment/supplies, or the funding of desired program support provided they adhere to the following guidelines:

- The potential donor must receive approval from the director of institutional advancement prior to taking any steps toward the funding or purchase.

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- The resources (equipment/supplies, program support, staffing) must already be slated for acquisition or budgeted by the school within the current or for the next fiscal year.
- Parents/guardians may not solicit funds from other parents/guardians without written consent by the Director of Institutional Advancement.
- Fundraising (i.e., deliberate solicitation of other prospective donors) may not be done except by the Director of Institutional Advancement and/or Head of School.
- The potential donor(s) must complete the payment prior to or concurrently with the actual purchase of the items. An acknowledgement letter/receipt will be issued when payment is completed.

Recognition for approved gifts will follow existing advancement office guidelines. The Director of Institutional Advancement and/or head of school reserves the right to refuse the offer of equipment purchase, program support, or funding of staff because of potential conflicts with the school's pre-existing plans for program augmentation, budget planning, or donor relations.

Student Fundraising

All student programs and clubs must follow the policies regarding student activities including the schools' fundraising policies. Any student fundraising activity must be approved by the group's faculty leader and the director of institutional advancement. Student groups that are not official programs or clubs cannot expect resources or other forms of support from the school.

Queen Emma Annual Fund

The Queen Emma Annual Fund is St. Andrew's Schools' top annual fundraising priority. Gifts to the Annual Fund make it possible for St. Andrew's Schools to continue delivery of its quality, personalized education, extracurricular activities and opportunities, financial aid/scholarships for merit and need, major facility improvements, and other school priorities. Private donations to the Annual Fund are essential in covering the gap between tuition and the school's full operating costs. Each year, all members of our community are asked to make a gift to the Queen Emma Annual Fund, which is 100% tax deductible. Giving can be done easily online at standrewsschools.org/sasgiving.

Queen Emma Legacy Society – Planned Giving

Forward-thinking donors are supporting St. Andrew's Schools with planned gifts in their estate and becoming a member of the Queen Emma Legacy Society. Planned Giving includes designating estate gifts through bequests, IRA beneficiary designations, charitable trusts, and charitable gift annuities that can possibly generate tax benefits or an income stream for the donor and family in retirement years. Be sure to consult with your financial or estate planner for more specifics.

For information on the Queen Emma Legacy Society, please contact Jennifer Burke, Director of Institutional Advancement at (808) 532-2441 or jburke@standrewsschools.org.

Alumnae

If you have questions about alumnae events and programs, please contact us at alumnae@standrewsschools.org.

For more information on supporting St. Andrew's Schools, contact us at advancement@standrewsschools.org or (808) 532-2441.

BUSINESS OFFICE

The Business Office is located on the second floor of Transfiguration Hall and is open during regular school hours, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Facilities Rentals

Evening and weekend rental of classrooms and other portions of campus are available for a fee. For more information, please contact Margaret Katagihara at (808) 532-2400.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

The Head of School is the President of the school and, along with the Board of Trustees, has the responsibility for oversight of all aspects of student life and school operations. St. Andrew's Schools trustees provide fiduciary care of the institution and ensure that the schools' resources and policies are dedicated to the fulfillment of the school's mission and the long-term sustainability of the school.

St. Andrew's Schools is an independent organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Hawai'i as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Board members are approved by the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i.

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Leadership Team

The President heads the Leadership Team, comprised of instructional leaders responsible for the major curricular divisions of the school, and the chief administrative officers of the school. Administrators also work directly with the Board of Trustees to develop the school's long-range plan.

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STATEMENT OF THE HANDBOOK

Thank you for reviewing the Queen Emma Preschool Parent Student Handbook.

All parents/guardians are asked to review the handbook on an annual basis.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to consult with the school's administration or faculty if they have any questions about this handbook, need an update, or need further clarification about a specific policy or rule.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Andrew's Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, nationality, or ethnic origin, gender, age, physical disabilities, or sexual orientation in its admissions policies, school programs, or employment practices.