

Belief 1: Every learner possesses a unique combination of talents, abilities, interests and needs and each is able to achieve higher levels of excellence.

Guiding Principles:

- Our programs will acknowledge the uniqueness of each learner.
- Our programs will assist each learner in achieving core understandings and skills.
- Our programs will provide enrichment opportunities to encourage each learner to develop individual talents and interests.
- Our programs will be provided with sensitivity to availability, accessibility and affordability to encourage full participation in the learning community.

Belief 2: The earliest years of a child's life are the most critical to development and set the stage for future learning.

Guiding Principle:

- Kamehameha Schools will assist by providing early childhood educational services that support families as the primary educators of their children.

Belief 3: Positive and nurturing relationships are an essential foundation of learning.

Guiding Principles:

- All members of the Kamehameha community that includes learners, staff, families and alumni, are role models and are expected to demonstrate attitudes and behaviors consistent with Hawaiian and Christian values.
- All will develop and support positive connections and interactions with learners.

Belief 4: All learners create meaning by building on prior knowledge and actively using their learning in personally relevant ways.

Guiding Principle:

- Our programs will support the learning process through a diverse and integrated curriculum and a range of services that are enhanced by the use of relevant technologies, real-life connections, and authentic experiences.
- Our programs will encourage learners to use their learning in service to their 'ohana, the community and the broader society.

Belief 5: The quality of instruction is enhanced by collaboration, professional development and the application of research based practices.

Guiding Principles:

- Kamehameha will provide time and resources for professional development and collaboration.
- Each member of the learning community will commit to ongoing professional development and collaboration to optimize learner success.
- To the extent possible, professional development opportunities will be extended to learning communities outside of Kamehameha.
- Kamehameha will support and engage in research and evaluation activities to improve the quality and effectiveness of education.

Belief 6: Education is enhanced by involvement of the learner and all members of the learner's community.

Guiding Principles:

- Kamehameha will provide opportunities for learners to share in and assume greater responsibility for their own development.
- Kamehameha will promote the active involvement of families.
- Kamehameha will encourage open communication, and will seek input from stakeholders to improve programs.

Belief 7: The effectiveness of an institution in meeting its mission is enhanced by collaboration and partnerships.

- Kamehameha will recognize and encourage the good works of other programs and institutions.
- Kamehameha will contribute to building a network of services to meet the life-long educational needs of Hawaiians.