

# **HAWAII-OKINAWA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

## **PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM**

The Hawaii-Okinawa High School Student Exchange Program was established by the State Legislature in partnership with the Department of Education (DOE) and the Hawaii United Okinawa Association (HUOA) in 1990 to:

1. Provide students with the opportunity to learn first-hand about the diverse cultures of other countries of the world.
2. Foster and sustain good relationships and cultural exchanges between foreign countries and the State of Hawaii.
3. Foster global awareness and a sense of “internationalism” in today’s youth.

## **EXPECTATIONS OF HOST STUDENTS/FAMILIES**

- Submit application to host a student from Okinawa by ~~November 27, 2019~~ January 21, 2020
- Attend Orientation Meeting for Host families
- Attend Orientation/Welcome Get together
- Host Student from March 1 – March 14, 2020
- Consider yourselves as “family” for your Okinawan student
- Okinawan student will attend school with Hawaii host student (5 days)
- Attend Aloha Party at Hawaii Okinawa Center on Thursday, March 12, 2020
- Bid them Aloha on Saturday, March 14 as they depart for their homeland.
- Share your family’s Aloha and enjoy your Okinawan student!

## **Part II of our Student Exchange Program will be our Hawaii Students going to Okinawa June 5 – 20, 2020.**

Just the same as the Hawaii United Okinawa Association does when the Okinawan students are with us in Hawaii, the Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education will arrange for host families and cover the expenses for field trips, welcome gathering, sayonara party, etc. Students will be responsible for their own plane fare to Okinawa. If you are interested, please email: [jon.itomura.ed@huoa.org](mailto:jon.itomura.ed@huoa.org) or call (808) 676-5400.