

# UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

A Hawai'i New Century Public Charter School  
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## Admissions Policies and Procedures

The University Laboratory School (ULS) is a seedbed and experimental site for curriculum research and development and comprehensive school design. ULS became a charter school of the Hawai'i Department of Education in 2001. Under a contract with the charter school board, the University of Hawai'i's Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG) operates the school as a laboratory for improving learning, teaching, and assessment while providing a high quality education for all its students. The school is also a site for demonstrating CRDG-developed curricula and providing professional development for teachers. The school is integral to the work and mission of CRDG.

### CRDG Mission

The Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG), with its University Laboratory School (ULS), is an organized research unit in the College of Education at the University of Hawai'i that conducts research and creates, evaluates, disseminates, and supports educational programs that serve students, teachers, parents, and other educators in grades preK–12. CRDG contributes to the body of professional knowledge and practice in teaching and learning, curriculum development, program dissemination and implementation, evaluation and assessment, and school improvement.

To serve its purposes, the school enrolls about 420 students, comprising a cross section of Hawai'i's diverse population, from kindergarten through grade 12. Each year 10 students are admitted to kindergarten, and 44 students are admitted to grade 6. Applications are accepted for all grade levels, but openings are rare in grades other than kindergarten and 6.

Families are informed of the opportunity to seek enrollment in the school through announcements in the public media. The application period opens in September and closes in December. Application materials and timelines are available on the school Web site (<http://www.hawaii.edu/crdg/labschool/>) or by calling the school admissions line (808-956-4977).

Students are selected to create a student body, evenly distributed by gender that reflects the ethnic distribution of Hawai'i and includes a broad range of student academic achievement and family socioeconomic levels. To meet these requirements, students are selected from the applicant pool by lottery. Further criteria are that parents must be willing to have their children participate in the research and development activities of CRDG–ULS and students must be willing participants.

Families are notified of their children's admission status by mid-March. Parents are required to attend an orientation so they fully understand the expectations and opportunities for their children at ULS. The vision of the Laboratory School is that "all students graduate ready for college, work, and responsible citizenship."