

# GINIHA PARA HINALOM NUEBU NA ESTUDIANTE

## NEW STUDENT ADMISSIONS POLICY

### I HINAGO'-TA: Our Mission

*Maga'låhen Hurao CHamoru Academy Charter School exists to produce and empower young indigenous and non-indigenous minds through culturally rich and inclusive CHamoru Medium Education, fostering academic excellence, CHamoru values and traditions, cultural pride, and holistic growth.*

We welcome families who share our commitment to CHamoru language revitalization and cultural preservation. As part of **Familian Hurao**, our school community, you will join us in nurturing proud, knowledgeable stewards of CHamoru heritage who are prepared to thrive as compassionate global citizens.

### MISSION COMMITMENT

In order to support Maga'låhen Hurao's mission of providing children with an education that is grounded in native CHamoru values, practices, and traditions, all applicants should demonstrate a genuine interest and commitment to:

- Upholding Maga'låhen Hurao's academic and cultural mission, values, and traditions
- Being an active, positive, contributing member of our school community (**Familian Hurao**)
- Supporting CHamoru language use in school and at home
- Consistent, appropriate behavior in alignment with our core values: *Aguaiya (Love), Arespeta (Respect), A'adahi (Care), Afa'maolek (Reciprocity), Amamåhlao (Modesty), A'umitde (Humility), Ageftao (Generosity), Agofli'e' (Empathy), A'agradesi (Gratitude), and A'akudi (Helping without being asked)*

### ELIGIBILITY

Maga'låhen Hurao CHamoru Academy Charter School serves children who are Guåhan residents in grades K3 through 6th grade. We invite families who have a strong desire to live and speak the CHamoru language and to support Maga'låhen Hurao's mission, activities, and initiatives.

#### Age Requirements:

Grade Level	Age Requirement
K3 (Pre-K3)	Must turn 3 years old by September 30, 2026
K4 (Pre-K4)	Must turn 4 years old by September 30, 2026
K5 (Kindergarten)	Must turn 5 years old by September 30, 2026
1st - 6th Grade	Age-appropriate for grade level

### NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with 17 GCA § 12109 (Guam Academy Charter Schools Act of 2009), Maga'låhen Hurao CHamoru Academy Charter School shall not limit admission based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, income level, disability, proficiency in the English language, need for special education services, or academic or athletic ability. All qualified students, regardless of background, are given the same rights, privileges, and program offerings.



Maga'låhen Hurao may limit admission to students within the designated grade levels (K3-6) and may refuse admission to students who have been expelled or are in the process of being expelled from another educational institution.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

New student applications for School Year 2026-2027 will be accepted during our Open Enrollment Period:

**February 26, 2026 – March 31, 2026**

We welcome and encourage all interested families to complete and submit an application by the deadline. Applications are available on our school website and at the school office. Open enrollment will be advertised through print, social media, digital announcements, and community spaces throughout the island.

## GRADE-LEVEL CAPACITY

Admissions are determined based on space available for any given grade. Due to our strong student retention, available spaces vary by grade level each year. Capacity information is communicated through:

- Grade-by-grade availability listed on our website and application materials
- Announcements at the start of the open enrollment period
- Direct inquiry with the school office

*Families are encouraged to check current availability before applying, though all timely applications will be processed regardless of stated capacity.*

## ADMISSION PRIORITIES

In accordance with 17 GCA § 12109 and our charter petition, preference in admission will be given to the following applicants in this order:

### Priority 1: Siblings of Currently Enrolled Students

Brothers and sisters of students already enrolled at Maga'låhen Hurao are given first preference. Should no space be immediately available, siblings shall be placed at the top of the waitlist for their grade level.

### Priority 2: Children of School Employees

Children of Maga'låhen Hurao CHamoru Academy Charter School employees are exempt from the lottery, provided the total number of students under this exemption constitutes only a small percentage of the school's total enrollment.

### Priority 3: Families with CHamoru Language Background

In support of our language revitalization mission, preference is given to:

- Students entering with demonstrated CHamoru language proficiency appropriate to their grade level
- Families of fluent CHamoru-speaking persons (parents, grandparents, or primary caregivers)

### Priority 4: General Applicants

All other applicants who meet eligibility requirements and demonstrate commitment to the school's mission.

## LOTTERY

If interest exceeds space availability for any grade level after preference applicants have been placed, a lottery will be held. In accordance with 17 GCA § 12109, the lottery serves as an equitable selection process when capacity is insufficient to enroll all students who submit a timely application.



## WAITLIST

All non-placed students shall be waitlisted for each grade in the order in which they are drawn in the lottery. Important waitlist guidelines:

- The waitlist is maintained for use throughout the school year only.
- If an applicant has not been selected for admission in a given year, they must reapply during the following year's open enrollment period.
- The waitlist cannot be used as a direct application for the next open enrollment period.
- If an accepted applicant declines their space, the slot will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

## ACCEPTANCE & RESPONSE

Students offered spaces will be notified in writing via email. Families must respond by the designated deadline to accept their space.

**⚠ Failure to respond by the deadline will result in forfeiture of the enrollment slot.**

Upon acceptance, families must submit the following enrollment requirements by the school-provided deadline:

- Completed enrollment forms and documentation
- Official transcript and withdrawal form from previous school (for transfer students)
- Proof of immunization / Health clearance
- Signed Immersion Commitment Acknowledgment

## CONTINUED ENROLLMENT

Once accepted and enrolled, students do not need to reapply and are not required to go through the admissions process again unless they withdraw at any point. Returning students receive first priority for re-enrollment each year through our separate re-enrollment process.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about the admissions process or to request an application:

**Website:** [www.magalahenhurao.org](http://www.magalahenhurao.org)

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***Si Yu'os Ma'āse'***

*Thank you for your interest in Maga'låhen Hurao CHamoru Academy Charter School.*

*We look forward to welcoming your family to Familian Hurao!*

Policy Adopted: January 2026

Intenton Minaneha, Maga'låhen Hurao CHamoru Academy Charter School

