

Kamehameha Publishing

Publishing Criteria and Categories

Publishing Criteria

To facilitate Hawaiian cultural vitality and high-quality publications, all submissions are reviewed against the following criteria:

Language and Culture

- Encourages and facilitates a living, vibrant Hawaiian language.
- Reinforces the contemporary importance and relevance of Hawaiian language, history, oral traditions, literature, practices, beliefs, spirituality, and values.
- Provides views of our past that are grounded in established Hawaiian traditions.
- Reflects the diversity of established Hawaiian traditions.
- Supports long-term perpetuation (and evolution) of hana no'eau.

Perspectives

- Cultivates a sense of Hawaiian identity based upon inherent genealogical, geographical, and historical connections to an ancestral past.
- Contextualizes Hawaiian roles and identity within a sociocultural framework of 'ohana, kaiaulu, and lāhui settings.
- Creates opportunities for critical, in-depth consideration of current Hawaiian issues that build understanding for Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike.
- Teaches everyday life skills, or academic content or skills, using Hawaiian contexts and perspectives.

Community well-being

- Inspires or strengthens efforts to restore or maintain the integrity of natural environments and cultural places—especially as these relate to specific locations, entities, and resources; their connections to one another; and their connections to contemporary Hawaiian communities.
- Inspires contemporary behaviors that reflect the best of Hawaiian modern, historical, and ancient heroes/heroines.
- Exemplifies a sense of aloha and respect for oral informants in the acquisition and presentation of information and other guidance provided by informants.
- Inspires and facilitates active involvement in current Hawaiian issues.
- Motivates and enables Hawaiians to take on kuleana (rights and responsibilities) implicit in our roles in our 'ohana, schools, workplaces, kaiaulu, and lāhui.
- Builds meaningful bridges between Hawaiians and others in our local and global communities.
- Builds capacity for Hawaiian self-determination.

General criteria

- Conveys a high level of relevance to the needs of Kamehameha Schools' Education Strategic Plan and Hawaiian communities.
- Demonstrates intergenerational appeal and impact.
- Expresses ideas in clear, accessible language.

- Uses an approach that is effective and appropriate for target audience.
- Exhibits a high level of integrity and quality in the process used to create the work and in the work itself.
- Embodies a high level of creativity and artistic expression.
- Exemplifies a high level of intellectual rigor.

Publishing Categories

Kamehameha Publishing produces works that focus on these areas:

1. **Children’s publications:** Works that captivate and educate young learners, especially ages prenatal to eight.
2. **Curriculum and materials:** Works that build knowledge and the use of Hawaiian culture, language, history, and literature and address specific curriculum needs.
3. **Culture, language, history, and literature:** Works for a range of audiences that reflect or facilitate Hawaiian cultural vibrancy.
4. **Academic research and scholarship:** Works of rigorous scholarship that reflect Hawaiian perspectives on topics of particular relevance to Hawaiians.
5. **Student-driven publications:** Works that feature and are produced by student writers, creators, or producers.
6. **Well-being:** Works that facilitate Hawaiian academic, physical, social, economic, and political well-being.
7. **Trade potential:** Works that meet other above criteria and that have a high potential to generate revenue.