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Faneyåkan Sinipok (CHamoru Language Immersion) Program Accepting Applications for SY 2024-2025

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division is currently accepting kindergarten applications for the Faneyåkan Sinipok Program (CHamoru Medium/Immersion Program) starting March 1, 2024. This program will be the 6th cohort for the Faneyåkan Sinipok Program.

The Faneyåkan Sinipok Program was established to address the critical need for children to become proficient in the CHamoru language. This innovative program utilizes CHamoru as the primary medium of instruction for all the subjects. By immersing students in the language, it aims to deepen their understanding of CHamoru culture and heritage.

Program Requirements:

- Aspiring students must be children living in Guam who will be 5 years old by July 31, 2024.
- CHamoru language speaking skills are preferred but not required.
- Families must commit eight (8) hours a month to providing service to the program.
- Families must commit to learning the CHamoru language and culture to provide an immersive language environment for the student outside the classroom.

Application and Selection Process:

- Interested stakeholders must fill out the application online <http://tinyurl.com/SinipokApply>
- Eligible applicants will be interviewed to discuss program requirements and commitments.

The Faneyåkan Sinipok Program is located at Pedro Camacho Lujan Elementary School in Barrigada. The school days are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:43 p.m. Transportation to and from school must be provided by the parents or guardians, however, students within the school district of P.C. Lujan Elementary School may take the school bus.

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