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

***Tiyan, Guam* – The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division continues to accept kindergarten applications for the Faneyåkan Sinipok (CHamoru Language Medium/Immersion) Program until July 30, 2024. Kindergarten students for SY 24-25 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 GCEC Certified Teachers. Immersion teachers receive professional development opportunities and educational tools to learn innovative instructional strategies, ensuring a rich, indigenous education for our students. 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 committed to providing service of eight (8) hours a month to the program.
- Families committed 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 may fill out the application online <http://tinyurl.com/SinipokApply>
- Eligible applicants will be interviewed to discuss program requirements and commitments.

Faneyåkan Sinipok also provides the following services at NO COST to families accepted into the program:

- After school tutoring
- Summer school
- Parent Classes
- PC Lujan GATE Services
- PC Lujan Library Services
- PC Lujan Counseling Services



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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.

Supplemental activities are administered by the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) – Federal Programs Division (FPD) and funded by the Consolidated Grant to the Outlying Areas.

For more information, please contact Señora Jocelyn T. Santos, CHamoru Language and Culture Specialist at (671) 300-1387 or email jtsantos@gdoe.net or mtreyes@gdoe.net.



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FANEYĀKAN SINIPOK Kindergarten Enrollment SY 2024-2025

Håfa Adai! The **Faneyākan Sinipok** is a CHamoru immersion program that utilizes the CHamoru language as the medium of instruction in all content areas throughout the school day. It aims to develop fluent and proficient generations of CHamoru speakers learning all academic subjects. Our Immersion students are taught by Guam Commission for Educator Certification (GCEC) certified teachers.

Faneyākan Sinipok is located at P.C. Lujan Elementary School in Radio Barrigada, and program hours run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:43 p.m.

Faneyākan Sinipok also provides after school programs, tutoring, parent classes, and summer school at no cost to families accepted into the program.

P.C. Lujan Elementary School will also provide services for the GATE program, the school library, and counseling.

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division continues to accept kindergarten applications for the **Faneyākan Sinipok** Program up until **July 30, 2024**. This program will be the 6th cohort for the **Faneyākan Sinipok** Program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Children must be five years old by July 31, 2024.

Parents or guardians must provide transportation to and from school.
(Families within the school district of P.C. Lujan Elementary School may take the school bus.)

Participating families must agree to the commitment requirements such as:

- CHamoru language speaking skills are preferred but not required.
- Active and consistent participation in the program
- Parents and family members must take CHamoru immersion classes
- Provide eight hours of in-kind service per month

All eligible applicants will be interviewed to discuss program requirements and commitments.



To learn more about the **Faneyākan Sinipok** Program as well as those in need of special accommodations and additional assistance in applying to the program please contact **Jocelyn T. Santos**, CHamoru Language and Culture Specialist at:
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Application QR Code



or follow our URL
<http://tinyurl.com/SinipokApply>
The CHamoru Studies Division and the **Faneyākan Sinipok**