



A PLACE TO LEARN LIKE
NOWHERE ELSE





SCHOOL QUICK FACTS

1949 Year founded

400 Upper School students
(Grade 9-12 day, boarding, and postgraduate)

45% boarding; **55%** day

17% international students

21 nations & **14** states
represented on campus

Core Values:

Integrity, respect,
pursuit of excellence, wonder



Our location:

Waimea, HI pop. 10,000

5 hr. flight from LAX to KOA

11 of the planet's 13 climate
zones

Landmark **sustainability**
initiatives

A place to learn like nowhere else on earth

On Hawai'i Island, you will live and learn within spectacular landscapes, vital ecosystems, and a mix of world cultures. At Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, we embrace these unique resources to create research partnerships, signature programs, and exceptional learning opportunities that make HPA a school like no other.

Our rigorous, college-preparatory instruction takes place within a dynamic global school community. Day students from Hawai'i are joined by boarding students from around the world to create a diverse, international 'ohana (family). From the moment you step on you will feel accepted and appreciated in this safe and welcoming environment where everyone "lives aloha."



Our academic program combines a solid foundation of traditional liberal arts education with student-driven, project-based learning. Under the guidance of faculty mentors, students produce independent work in science, the arts, and many other disciplines. Over time, HPA students demonstrate their mastery of key skills and build a foundation for college-level learning.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 16 Advanced Placement classes
- Hawaiian studies
- Four world language options
- Advanced computer science, robotics, and drones
- Biotechnology projects using DNA PCR thermocycler and UV transilluminator
- Art History and the Isaacs Art Center
- Electrical and mechanical engineering
- Advanced digital media (cinematography and photography)
- Performing arts acting, tech, and stagecraft
- Sustained inquiry Capstone Program as the pinnacle educational experience for 5th, 8th, and 12th grade
- World-renowned Sea Turtle Research Program

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Boarding students live in three residence halls clustered around a green open space affectionately known as Anna's Field (after a local legend and one of our founding trustees). Under the guidance of dorm faculty, you will find a warm and welcoming home base, where you'll gain independence, find life-long friends, and deepen your learning.

- Dorm parents and student proctors on each floor foster a close community environment.
- Weekday study halls provide structured time for class work.
- Weekly dorm meetings focus on a broad range of lifestyle and wellness topics.
- Weekend activities offer a multitude of bonding and learning experiences.

ATHLETICS

FALL: cheerleading, cross country, football, girls volleyball

WINTER: basketball, canoe paddling, cheerleading, soccer, swimming and diving, wrestling

SPRING: baseball, golf, lacrosse (club), rugby (club), girls flag football, tennis, track and field, boys volleyball, girls water polo



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Scuba certification, equestrian, yoga, sports conditioning, community service, theater, dance, robotics, and many others.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Snorkeling, hiking, camping, whale watching, surf lessons, mountain biking, open-mic nights, school dances, and much more. And plenty of student-run clubs to explore



ACADEMICS

Out of the ordinary: Learning at HPA

At HPA, our location allows us to offer a high school education like no other. We combine a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum with the chance to design and conduct your own real-world research, arts, or community projects. Through capstone classes, 16 Advanced Placement courses, our award-winning Energy Lab, immersive local learning, and other signature programs, we support and empower you to hone skills, build confidence, and create an impressive body of work for college and later life.

On Hawai'i Island, you will discover vital ecosystems and unique geography; 11 of the planet's 13 climate zones; a native Hawaiian culture dating back thousands of years; and a modern, multi-national island society. Through all of these resources and more, we create learning opportunities found nowhere else on earth.

Above all, we value our students as individuals with immense potential. We take the time to understand different learning styles. Our ultimate goal is to empower each student toward an individual sense of purpose, giving each one the tools to thrive in higher education and eventually in 21st century careers. HPA faculty are highly accomplished and deeply devoted to their work as instructors, advisors, and mentors.

SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECTS

Capstone projects last the full school year and their focus can be scientific, artistic, mathematical, social—wherever a student's interest may lead. Students pursue their projects either by enrolling in a capstone course or by proposing independent study; faculty mentors guide and advise throughout the process. Capstone work serves as a culminating academic experience and requires students to put into action the knowledge and skills they've gained at HPA.

A FEW EXAMPLES OF RECENT PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Facial Recognition and Data Privacy
- Understanding Climate Change Through The Study of Feminization in Sea Turtles
- Teaching Finance/Investing and Building Capacity in Youth
- Building A Streetwear Fashion Brand
- College Athletic Recruiting App For High School Athletes
- Full Length Psychological Thriller Novel
- Music Recording and Production
- From Software to Hardware: Game Development and Music Technology
- Monitoring and Preservation of Hawaiian Waterways





DEPARTMENTS AND COURSES

ENGLISH

English 9: The Hero's Journey
English 9 Honors: The Hero's Journey
English 10: The Individual & Community
English 10 Honors: The Individual and Community
English 10: International
English 11: The Individual & Society
English 12: Polynesian Literature
English 12: Diversity, Culture, & Inclusion
English 12: Shakespeare
English 12: Human Resilience
English: Environmental Literature
AP English Literature and Composition
AP English Language & Composition

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL)

Intermediate ELL Reading
Intermediate ELL Listening and Speaking
Intermediate ELL Composition
Intermediate ELL Content Studies
Advanced ELL Composition
Advanced ELL Reading and Speaking

Advanced ELL
World Culture
ELL Content Bridge

ARTS

Drawing (Dry Media)
Drawing (Wet Media)
Acrylic Painting
Mural Painting
Mixed Media Printmaking
Mixed Media Collage
Sculpting Nature
Sculpture and Identity
Art History
Digital Cinema
Digital Storytelling
Musicianship
Songwriting and Lyricism
Music Production, Studio
Recording & Producing in Logic Pro
Music History: History of Jazz
Music History: The Sociology of Pop
Music Collaborative: Jazz & Rock Band
Instrumental Ensemble
Comedy 101
Acting Through Song
Acting
Costume Design and Construction

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra II

Algebra II Trigonometry
Honors
Precalculus
AP Precalculus
Calculus
Multivariable Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish
AP Spanish Language and Culture
Mandarin Chinese
Japanese
Hawaiian

SCIENCE

Biology
Biology Honors
AP Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
AP Chemistry
Physics
AP Physics
AP Environmental Science
AP Psychology
Forensic Science
Marine Biology
Anatomy & Physiology
Robotics
Independent Science Research (ISR)
Island Science
Ecology

Introduction to Engineering Principals
Computer Engineering

SOCIAL STUDIES

Modern World History
Modern World History Honors
AP Human Geography
United States History
International
United States History
AP United States History
Economics Honors: Human Behavior, Social Justice, & the Science of Decision-Making
AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP Psychology
Economics Honors
Sociology
History of Film
Art History

CAPSTONES (SENIOR YEAR)

Grassroots Change
Arts & Culture
Business Innovations
Social Justice
Experimental Lab Science
Marine Science and Outreach
Sports and the Athlete
All Things Athletics
Health & Wellbeing
Protecting the Sacred
Preserving Food Traditions



ENERGY LAB

Innovation Incubator

The Michael and Jeannette Saalfeld Energy Lab, which opened in 2010, hosts students engaged in independent research. The lab provides an atmosphere of ingenuity and collaboration, dedicated workspace, and a multitude of tools and technologies to enable projects in any discipline. Over the years, students in the Energy Lab have partnered with organizations like NASA, the W. M. Keck Observatory, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, and Stanford, and Cornell Universities.





RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

A global village: Living at HPA

Located at a confluence of world cultures linking Asia, Oceania, the Americas, and other regions, Hawai'i Island is a place to take global citizenship to a whole new level. Each year roughly 15 U.S. states and 18 countries are represented within the HPA student body. This mixture of Hawai'i residents, U.S. mainland, and international students—brought together to experience the interwoven cultures of Hawai'i—sets Hawai'i Preparatory Academy apart among U.S. independent schools.

Each year, roughly 45 percent of our students live on campus. Some boarding students come from as far as Nigeria or New York City; others are Hawai'i residents who prefer the convenience (and fun) of dormitory life. Within this dynamic, multicultural community, you will discover life-long friendships and expand your learning. You'll share stories, cuisines, and study tips with your dorm-mates. This will be your home away from home.

A dedicated team of dorm faculty and student prefects welcome all students with warm aloha and provide a safe, secure environment. During the week, you'll participate in social and learning activities within the dorm or as an entire boarding community. On the weekends, you'll explore the fantastic recreational and cultural opportunities of Hawai'i Island—from coral reefs of the Pacific Ocean to the snow-capped peak of Maunakea, and everything in between.



RESIDENTIAL LIFE PROGRAM GOALS

Our program is designed to extend learning beyond the classroom. We strive to develop:

- Competent learners who are independent, resourceful, inquisitive, and creative.
- Sophisticated and perceptive thinkers.
- Effective communicators who listen objectively and critically.
- Culturally-aware individuals who respond to cultural differences with understanding, knowledge, and consideration.
- Responsible individuals with sound ethical foundations.
- Wholesome young men and women who set high standards for themselves while also leading lives that are intellectually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually balanced.



TYPICAL EVENING SCHEDULE

5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner in Taylor Commons Dining Hall

7 p.m. In-dorms and check-in with dorm parent on duty (Mondays will usually have a dorm or hall meeting at this time)

7:45 p.m. Study hall begins

8:45 p.m. 10 minute break

8:55 to 9:25 p.m. Study hall resumes

9:30 to 10:15 p.m. Quiet hour

10:15 p.m. In-rooms

10:30 p.m. Lights out for freshmen and sophomores

11 p.m. Lights out for juniors and seniors who have requested late lights



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Weekends offer the chance to experience some of Hawai'i's most beautiful, remote, and memorable land and seascapes. Activities can include: surf lessons, snorkeling, hiking, camping, whale watching, mountain biking, open-mic nights, school dances, and much more.

DINING

HPA strives to provide a wide range options for diverse preferences and palates—and a daily menu that is also nutritious for growing adolescents. Hot breakfast is offered every weekday morning, and brunches are a weekend highlight. Roughly once a month, the entire boarding community gathers for a formal sit-down dinner, which offers the opportunity to practice networking and etiquette skills and to make new friends.

WAIMEA AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Our hometown of Waimea (also known as Kamuela) is located approximately 2,600 feet (814 meters) above sea level, nestled between the Kohala Mountains and the slopes of Maunakea. Our elevation keeps Waimea several degrees cooler than the coastal towns, yet the ocean is easily accessible. This is paniolo country—known for its cowboy and agricultural traditions and home to the famous Parker Ranch.

With a population of about 10,000, Waimea has a modest downtown and modern amenities that include grocery and convenience stores, fine and casual dining, cafes, shops and boutiques, and the state-of-the-art North Hawai'i Community Hospital. Some of the world's largest optical and infrared telescopes have their headquarters here. The Kahilu Theater hosts concerts, plays, and films. On most Wednesday evenings and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, HPA provides buses to take students into town.

RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS

Boarding students live in three residence halls (also called dormitories), all within a short walk of the classroom, athletic, and arts facilities. Each building is supervised by a faculty dorm head; dorm faculty on every floor; student prefects; and 24/7 security.

Students live with a roommate typically of the same grade level. Depending on the building, rooms are grouped by wing, hall, or floor into smaller “neighborhoods” within the dorm, where students form particularly close bonds and are mentored by dorm faculty. Each facility is equipped with kitchenettes, laundry machines, and shared, modern bathrooms with private showers. Our housekeeping staff cares for the cleanliness of public areas, but all dorm residents are responsible for managing their personal spaces, and everyone participates in nightly chores to help keep the dorm tidy and operating smoothly. In this way, we foster independence and shared responsibility, and give back to our school community together.





THE ARTS

Discover just how creative you can be

No matter where your academic interests lie, the arts will increase your ability to think creatively and communicate well. Plus, they bring a whole lot of joy and fun into our lives. For these and many other reasons, we value and celebrate the creative arts at HPA. All students participate in the arts program at the introductory level, and many continue on to hone their skills. Surrounded by the beauty of Hawai'i Island, an array of island cultures, and a campus full of 400 friends, you'll always find inspiration nearby.



EXPLORING MASTERPIECES THROUGH AGES

AP Art History is taught in the The Michael and Jeannette Saalfeld Energy Lab and HPA's Isaacs Art Center. Students will identify and analyze the 250 works required for the College Board AP Art History Course, covering global art and architecture from prehistory to the contemporary era. Emphasis is on understanding the form, function, cultural context, and interpretation of historic art.

PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts at HPA welcomes students at any level of artistic skill or experience and strives to cultivate the artist in every one. We believe in the power and passion of the artist to reveal new truths, remind us of our past, and help to transform our future. Our Drama Program offers opportunities in larger-scale performance (plays and musical theater), as well as more intensive academic courses in playwriting, acting styles, comedy, improv, public speaking, and devising. Behind the scenes, technical theater students learn to take an entire production from conceptual designs to opening night in their Stagecraft course. Academic musical offerings include Musicianship, Recording & Producing, Composing & Arranging, Vocal Performance and Instrumental Ensemble. Students also have additional opportunities for sharing their talents with the community in a non-credit, casual setting: Jazz Combo, A-Capella, Music Monday assemblies, and Lava Lounge open mics, as well as other performance events.

VISUAL ARTS

You'll discover a rich variety of mediums to explore, including drawing, painting, mixed media, photography, and film-making. Our talented faculty are practicing artists; they can guide you however far your aspirations go. The 2-D and 3-D art tracks will build your mastery of drawing, painting, and sculpture skills toward a yearlong independent art Capstone project. In our digital media art track, we have Digital Cinema where you can explore everything from flying drones to streaming events to digital filmmaking, and Digital Photography where students can explore photojournalism and fine art portrait photography. A team of student photographers help produce a stunning yearbook each year.





ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Have fun, make friends, learn something new

In addition to a rich and rigorous academic program, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy offers a wealth of co-curricular activities. This is a place to try something new in the company of friends—we promise, you'll have a blast! There's always something to do during the week or on the weekend that will supplement your learning and expand your horizons. Activities can involve your dorm, your grade, or the entire school. You can pursue a special interest, give back to the community, or explore the immense ecological and cultural resources of Hawai'i Island.



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Hundreds of weekend activities are offered throughout the year to take advantage of all that Hawai'i Island has to offer. Students choose from an average of 8-10 activities every weekend. A few sample activities include:

FARMER'S MARKET TRIPS
SUNDAY BEACH VANS
WHALE WATCHING
BACKPACKING AND CAMPING
HORSEBACK RIDING
KIHOLO FISH POND RESTORATIONS
PARKER RANCH RODEOS
SNORKELING WITH MANTA RAYS
STARGAZING AND PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS ON MAUNAKEA
HAWAIIAN LEI MAKING
STAND-UP PADDLING

SCHOOL DANCES
OPEN-MIC NIGHTS
MOUNTAIN BIKING
LOCAL THEATER AND CHORAL PERFORMANCES
YOGA AND MEDITATION WORKSHOPS
ULTIMATE FRISBEE
CULTURAL COOKING NIGHTS
SURF LESSONS
STUDENT-LED DOCUMENTARY FILM NIGHTS

Activities vary each weekend, and sign-ups are limited by space.

SERVICE LEARNING

Through a wide range of service projects, you can engage with the cultural, environmental, and economic challenges of Hawai'i Island and the larger world. Activities include environmental restoration of native trees and historical sites, along with more "traditional" service activities such as tutoring, soup kitchens, animal rescue, and beach-cleanups. Through all these opportunities, you'll begin to explore how your personal talents and beliefs can help to make the world a better place.



OUTDOOR PROGRAM

HPA's outdoor education program has a history as long as the school itself. From the first moment on campus, you will feel the pull of the landscape. The outdoor program is one of the many ways HPA develops forward-thinking and resilient young leaders. Students are empowered to demonstrate responsibility for themselves, one another, and the land. Diverse offerings include weekly after-school hikes, weekend outdoor trips, wilderness medicine training, and fall break inter-island trips.



STUDENT-RUN CLUBS

Our club list varies from year to year, depending on student interest. If you'd like to start your own club, we support that, too! Here's a small sampling of what is typically offered:

#BE WELL CLUB
FOOD CLUB
ASTRONOMY CLUB
BOOK CLUB
JAZZ AND LATIN MUSIC CLUB
CHESS CLUB
CHINESE CLUB
D&D CLUB

DATA-SCIENCE CLUB
DEBATE & SPEECH CLUB
GSA (GENDER SEXUALITY ALLIANCE)
K-POP DANCE CLUB
SUSTAINABILITY CLUB
STUDENT DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP CLUB (SDLC)



ATHLETICS

Stay fit, join a team, find *your* exercise

When the school day is over, HPA students shift gears and head out to interscholastic or intramural sports. Teachers get ready to inspire their students on a different level—this time as coaches. The entire campus community is engaged in both individual effort and collective teamwork. This is where you will experience some of the most memorable moments of your HPA career. This is *your* time to play hard, de-stress, and have fun—whether through varsity soccer, the canoe paddling team, or yoga class.



At HPA, our goal is to help you develop well-rounded habits for a joyful, healthy, successful life. Physical activity is an essential part of the mix. Our year-long program is divided into trimesters of 10 to 12 weeks each. Students choose one activity per trimester.

All students are required to participate in a competitive sport or active recreation at least two of the three trimesters. Once per year, students may opt for an alternative pursuit such as robotics or community service.

OFFERINGS

For students aiming for college-level athletics, HPA offers expert coaching and conditioning. For students seeking personal fitness, we provide a wide range of intramural activities. Note: this list may change slightly from year to year.

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading, cross country, football, girls volleyball

Intramural: basketball, equestrian, recreational tennis, soccer conditioning, swimming and diving

Alternative: art option, conditioning, CrossFit, dance, drama, hiking, sustainable gardening, weight conditioning, yoga

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball, canoe paddling, cheerleading, soccer, swimming and diving, wrestling

Intramural: equestrian, lacrosse conditioning, tennis conditioning, track and field conditioning

Alternative: art option, drama, sustainable gardening, weight conditioning

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball, golf, girls flag football, tennis, track and field, boys volleyball, girls water polo

Intramural: equestrian, lacrosse, rugby

Alternative: art option, CrossFit, dance, drama, scuba, sustainable gardening, weight conditioning, yoga



WHERE WE PLAY

HPA athletic facilities include the solar-heated Dowsett 25-meter swimming pool; the Rutgers four-court, indoor tennis pavilion; the Shutes 400-meter, eight-lane track and football field complex; and Castle Gymnasium. The Nakamaru Fitness Center offers multiple treadmills, bikes, and multi-purpose weight machines. Adjacent to these facilities are the soccer, softball, baseball, and equestrian fields. We have the state's most challenging cross-country course, which travels through all corners of the 220-acre Upper Campus.

Interscholastic sports teams compete at the island and state level under the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF). Post-season state tournaments are sponsored by the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association (HHSAA).



PEAK PERFORMANCE

HPA students are supported by a dedicated conditioning coach and an experienced athletic trainer.



THE HAWAI'I ADVANTAGE

University admission directors recruit more in Hawai'i than in many other U.S. states. International students have an edge when applying from HPA.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Expert guidance and outstanding results

At Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, our college counselors have designed a program that supports each student on his or her individual path toward higher education. We believe the search process is a critical component of the overall learning experience at HPA. You will begin by exploring your own interests, abilities, and expectations through the many programs HPA has to offer. Later, you will turn your attention outward to investigate an array of college, university, and post-graduate options. Using our extensive knowledge of the higher education landscape, our core goal is to help you find the very best match for your talents and future aspirations.



RECENT PLACEMENTS

HPA graduates are consistently admitted to and attend prestigious institutions, such as those below, as well as many other highly-selective colleges and universities. We place great importance on helping students develop a college list that is an effective match for their strengths and future goals. Virtually 100 percent of our graduates enroll at four-year institutions and report high satisfaction with their university choice.

Academy of Art University	Grand Canyon University	San Diego State University	University of Montana
Amherst College	Harvard College	Santa Clara University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Babson College	Hawai'i Pacific University	Seattle University	University of Notre Dame
Bard College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Stanford University	University of Oregon
Barnard College	Istituto Marangoni Miami	Temple University (Japan)	University of Pennsylvania
Baylor University	Liberty University	The New School - NYC	University of Portland
California Polytechnic State University	Linfield College	The State University of New York at Buffalo	University of Puget Sound
California State University, multiple locations	Loyola Marymount University	The University of Chicago	University of Rochester
Carleton College	Macquarie University (Australia)	The University of Nottingham (England)	University of San Diego
Carnegie Mellon University	Marist College	The University of Tampa	University of Southern California
Chaminade University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)	University of Tennessee
Chapman University	Mount Holyoke College	Tufts University	University of Victoria
Clemson University	Mt. San Antonio College	University College Dublin (Ireland)	University of Virginia
Colorado Mesa University	Musicians Institute	University of Alabama	University of Washington
Colorado School of Mines	New York University	University of Arizona	Vassar College
Dartmouth College	Northeastern University	University of British Columbia (Canada)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Eastern Washington University	Northern Arizona University	University of Calgary (Canada)	Wake Forest University
Franklin & Marshall College	Northwestern University	University of California, multiple locations	Washington University in St. Louis
Franklin University Switzerland	Oregon Institute of Technology	University of Colorado at Boulder	Wellesley College
George Washington University	Oregon State University	University of Hawai'i at Hilo	Western Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University	University of Hawai'i at Manoa	Whitman College
Glion Institute of Higher Education (Switzerland)	Pepperdine University	University of Illinois at Chicago	Willamette University
Gonzaga University	Rhodes College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	William Penn University
Graceland University	Ritsumeikan University (Japan)	University of Michigan	Yale University
	Rutgers University	University of Missouri Columbia	

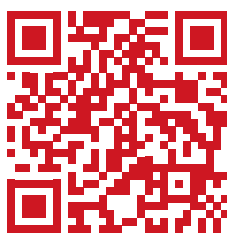
GUIDANCE YEAR BY YEAR

Freshmen and Sophomores engage in introductory activities designed to help them maximize their opportunities at HPA and begin the process of setting ambitious and realistic goals for their college futures.

Juniors increase their level of engagement through participating in college counseling workshops to prepare for the senior year, individual meetings with their college counselors, test prep, and specialized college presentations.

Seniors continue with individual meetings and workshops to complete their applications, select their school, find funding for their education, and make a successful transition to post-secondary school life.

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