

Boarding School

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy Hawaii

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy is a private boarding and day school on the island of Hawai'i, known for college-preparatory academics, experiential learning, and environmental studies. The school integrates rigorous coursework with place-based learning across a diverse island campus.



BOARDING



CO-ED



SPORTS



ARTS



COASTAL

"I enjoy the diversity this community provides us with. The best part of being a boarder is that everyone becomes very open and honest with each other. It feels like a big family."

Brendan Bang, South Korea

Quick Facts

Founded: 1949

Students: Co-educational

Niche.com Rank: A+

Accepting students: Grades 9-12th, PG

University Acceptance Rate: 100%

Diploma Year? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

Interview Required? Yes

Total High School Enrollment: 400

Academic Excellence

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy offers a college-preparatory curriculum that blends academic rigor with experiential and place-based learning. Upper School students may enroll in Advanced Placement and Honors courses across core disciplines, while interdisciplinary programs emphasize sustainability, global awareness, and scientific inquiry. Faculty members guide students through project-based learning, field research, and collaborative problem solving, supported by small class sizes and close academic advising. Graduation requirements stress analytical writing, quantitative reasoning, and real-world application of knowledge. Graduates are well prepared for universities that value independence, global perspective, and intellectual curiosity.

Student Accomplishments

- 100% of 5th, 8th, and 12th graders undertake an independent capstone project
- 2,200+ students have participated in the sea turtle research program since 1987.



Recent University Acceptances

- Amherst College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
- Claremont McKenna College
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Northeastern University
- New York University
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

Stats

9:1

Student Teacher Ratio

45

Master's Degrees for Full Time Faculty

#3

Best Boarding High Schools in Hawaii

6

Doctorates for Full Time Faculty

40%

International Boarding Student

25

Countries Represented

29

Average ACT Score

1250

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy operates across multiple campuses set between the mountains and the coast. Facilities support science, engineering, visual and performing arts, and experiential learning, including laboratories, arts studios, and outdoor classrooms. Athletic fields, fitness spaces, and natural landscapes are integrated into daily student life. The campus environment encourages hands-on learning through access to marine, volcanic, and ecological study sites unique to Hawai'i.

Residential Life

Boarding students live in supervised residence halls with shared rooms and common spaces designed for study and social interaction. Residential life staff provide academic monitoring, structured routines, and weekend activities. Dining services emphasize balanced meals, and boarding programs support students from diverse cultural and geographic backgrounds. Boarding life is closely connected to academics, athletics, and outdoor learning experiences.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics emphasize participation, fitness, and teamwork within a balanced academic schedule. Students compete in interscholastic leagues while developing lifelong wellness habits.

The arts program supports creative exploration through visual arts, music, theater, and digital media. Students pursue both foundational and advanced courses integrated into the academic day.



Lists

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Canoe Paddling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, Wrestling

Arts: Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing and Painting, Film Making, Music Performance, Photography, Theater Arts, Digital Media

Languages:
Chinese, Japanese, Spanish

AP Courses Offered:
Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Statistics

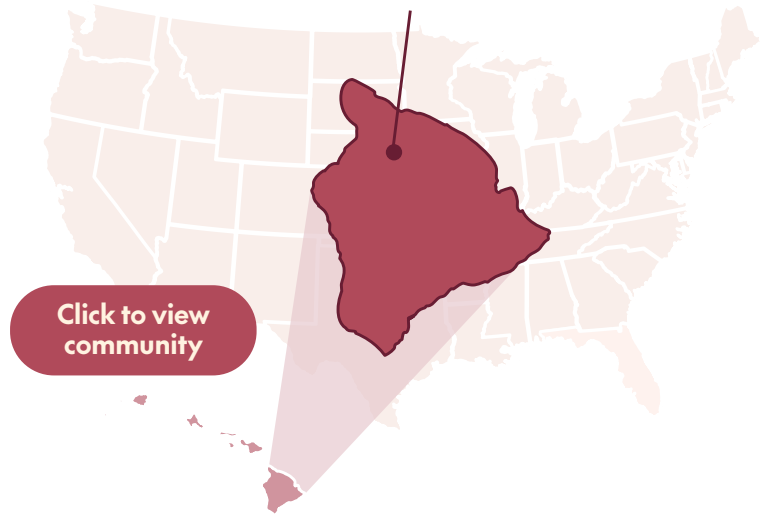
Tech and Innovation courses:
Projects and Capstones, Sustainability, Health & Wellness, Sea Turtle Research, Hawaiian Studies and Language, Equestrian Program, Outdoor Program

Club and Extracurriculars
Environmental Club, Model United Nations, Outdoor Leadership, Robotics Club, Student Council, Sustainability Club, Island Service, Ka Makani Travel

Community

Kamuela is located on the island of Hawai'i, offering a safe and close-knit community surrounded by beaches, mountains, and volcanic landscapes. The nearest major airport is Kona International Airport, approximately one hour away, providing domestic and international connections. Students benefit from access to cultural traditions, outdoor recreation, and scientific research environments unique to the Hawaiian Islands.

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Climate in Kamuela, Hawai'i

Tropical climate with warm days and mild evenings year-round.



Video
**Hawai'i
Preparatory
Academy (HPA)
Campus Tour**

