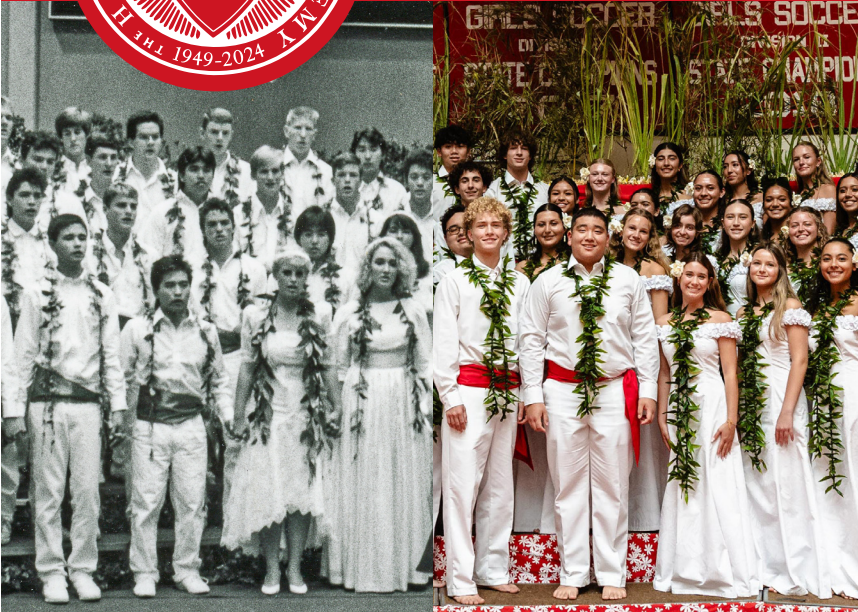




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School Profile 2024-25

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy combines a traditional, vigorous foundation in the liberal arts with student-driven, project-based learning. Our curriculum and school culture are deeply influenced by a strong sense of place. HPA resides at a confluence of precious ecosystems as well as a geographic hub linking Asia, Oceania, the Americas, and other regions. Drawing students from across the U.S. and around the world,

HPA offers a dynamic, global learning community. Rooted in the inclusive concept of Aloha, HPA is a unique place in which to learn global citizenship and prepare for the college experience. On Hawai'i Island, our students have access to 11 of the planet's 13 climate zones; two active volcanoes; a native Hawaiian culture with ecological and spiritual wisdom dating back thousands of years; and a contemporary multinational island society. Through all of these resources and more, HPA creates learning opportunities found nowhere else on earth.

CONTACT

College Counseling Center

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Founded: 1949

Independent, coeducational day and boarding school drawing students from Hawai'i, the U.S. mainland, and around the world.

Core Values

Integrity: living honestly and with moral courage

Respect: serving with kindness and responsibility

Pursuit of excellence: striving for the highest and best result

Wonder: Being curious, appreciative, and content

Total school enrollment (K-12): 615

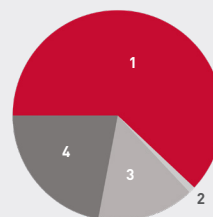
Upper School (9-12): 383

Upper School boarders: 159 (42%)

Upper School day students: 224 (58%)

Students represent 15 U.S. states and 21 countries.

Geographic origin of Upper School students



(1) Hawai'i Island: 231 (60%)

(2) Other Hawai'i: 7 (1%)

(3) U.S. Mainland: 50 (13%)

(4) International: 95 (25%)

Annual operating budget: 25.2 million

Financial aid budget: 4.5 million

43% of HPA students receive financial aid.

Upper School faculty

Total: 46

Full time: 38

Part-time: 8

Master's degrees: 30

Doctorates: 5

GRADING SYSTEM

A+ = 4.33	B- = 2.67	D = 1.00
A = 4.00	C+ = 2.33	D- = 0.67
A- = 3.67	C = 2.00	F = 0.00
B+ = 3.33	C- = 1.67	
B = 3.00	D+ = 1.33	

The transcript provides a detailed explanation of our GPA calculation.

CLASS OF 2024 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

[AS OF JUNE 2024]

Cumulative GPA	% of Students
4.2 - 4.5	23.3%
4.0 - 4.19	16.7%
3.8 - 3.99	12.2%
3.6 - 3.79	8.9%
3.4 - 3.59	11.1%
3.0 - 3.39	17.8%
< 2.9	10.0%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-two credits of college preparatory courses are required to graduate from HPA. The credits must include:

- English (4 credits): Enrolled in English all eight semesters
- Math (3 credits): Enrollment through junior year and including Algebra II
- Science (3 credits): Completion of at least two of the following - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, plus 1 additional Science credit
- Social Studies (3 credits): Completion of Hawaiian Studies: Ke Aloha ‘ Āina (freshmen only; included in Hawaiian Studies credits**), Modern World History or AP Human Geography, and U.S. History
- Hawaiian Studies (1 credit**): 9th grade only — Hawaiian Studies: Ke Aloha Āina
- Health & Wellness (0.5 credits): Freshmen Only
- World Languages: (3 credits): Three levels of the same language and through the sophomore year
- Arts (2 credits)
- Senior Capstone (1 credit): All seniors must successfully complete a capstone course
- Electives (2.5 credits) To be selected from any department beyond the requirements outlined above.

***This updated credit policy applies to the Class of 2028 or later.*

Every attempt is made to support transfer students with meeting graduation requirements through credit transfers. Exceptions to graduation requirements will be considered and may be approved by the Principal.

STANDARDIZED TESTING
AVERAGES AND MID 50% SCORES

Class of 2025

SAT English (490-630)	SAT Total (1000-1210)
SAT Math (470-590)	ACT Composite (19-27)

WEIGHTING POLICY, GPA CALCULATION, AP COURSES

HPA weights 0.5 for AP courses and 0.25 for Honors courses where students earn a C- or higher. All coursework completed at HPA during grades 9-12 is included in our cumulative grade point average. At HPA, course selection is evaluated in the following manner over 4 years: 0-1 APs is standard, 2-3 APs is demanding, 4 APs is very demanding and often discouraged to maintain a harmonious balance of rigor and emotional well-being.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION HISTORY

Over the last twenty-five years, on average 97% of HPA graduates have chosen to attend 4-year colleges and universities. The majority of HPA graduates will attend colleges on the continental U.S., with the highest concentrations of our students being in the western U.S. and the East Coast. Approximately 10% of our students choose to attend international universities or pursue higher education here in our state. Below is a representative list that shows the diversity of matriculations for HPA students over the past five years.

- Amherst College
 - Auburn University
 - Babson College
 - Barnard College
 - Bates College
 - Brown University
 - Caltech
 - Claremont McKenna
 - Carnegie Mellon University
 - Chapman University
 - Colorado State University
 - Cornell University
 - Creighton University
 - University of Colorado - Boulder
 - Colorado College
 - Cal State System
- Dartmouth College
 - Duke University
 - Embry Riddle University
 - Emory University
 - George Washington University
 - Georgetown University
 - Gonzaga University
 - Harvard College
 - Harvey Mudd College
 - Keio University
 - Lehigh University
 - Lewis & Clark College
 - Loyola Marymount University
 - Marist College
 - McGill University
 - MIT
 - New York University
- Northeastern University
 - Occidental College
 - Pitzer College
 - Pomona College
 - Princeton University
 - Reed College
 - Rice University
 - Saint Andrew’s University
 - Santa Clara University
 - Tufts University
 - Tulane University
 - Trinity College Dublin
 - UC - System
 - University of British Columbia
 - University of Oregon
 - University of Pennsylvania
- University of Portland
 - University of Wisconsin
 - US Air Force Academy
 - University of San Diego
 - University of Southern California
 - University of Washington
 - University of Saint Andrews
 - Stanford University
 - Virginia Tech
 - Wake Forest University
 - Washington University in St.Louis
 - Waseda University
 - Willamette University
 - Williams College
 - Yale University

COURSES OFFERED (2024-2025)

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

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

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

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish
AP Spanish Language
and Culture
Mandarin Chinese
Japanese
Hawaiian

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

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

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Our school philosophy is to encourage students to challenge themselves by taking an appropriate number of honors and AP courses. Most of our AP classes require specific prerequisites and a minimum grade from a previous course in the same department for entrance. With approval from the Academic Office, students are allowed to take several AP classes at one time. In 2023-2024, students enrolled in the following 17 AP courses and took a total of 313 AP exams. Eighty-two percent of students earned a score of 3 or higher.

- Art History
- Biology
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC

- Chemistry
- Comparative Government
and Politics
- Environmental Science
- Human Geography

- Language and Composition
- Literature and Composition
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- Psychology

- Spanish Language
and Culture
- Statistics
- U.S. History

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

HPA is committed to the development of character; the expansion of mind, body, and spirit; and a climate of academic excellence. We seek to inspire ethical and involved global citizens who are truly prepared to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Our place-based educational experiences are supported by a rigorous core curriculum in the ninth and tenth grade years that expands to offer greater individual choice in the junior and senior years. Projects are embedded into each class at HPA in order to support experiential learning and to prepare students to engage in deeper research as part of capstone projects during the senior year.

SCHOOL CULTURE

While we strive for excellence in all parts of our school, our greatest commonality as a community is a respect for and a seeking of kindness. There is a deep sense of acceptance at HPA. We place strong emphasis on students discovering who they are; we support them in developing and realizing their own goals. HPA celebrates adults and students feeling good about themselves and their contributions to our larger community. This is one of our strongest values.

CAPSTONE PROJECTS

The HPA Capstone program represents the pinnacle of learning experiences achieved by the end of 12th grade. Capstone courses are year-long courses and are distinguished by the extent to which they are driven by student interest, engagement and design where students are encouraged, supported, and challenged to pursue individual passions within a structured environment. Students are assessed on HPA's core academic skills of creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Capstone is a time and space where students own and have agency over their learning and education. The more they connect their work to their passions, interests and goals, the more fulfilling and powerful the experience is. In this journey, they gain the tools and network to take their ideas and turn them into realities that benefit our community and themselves. Sample capstone courses which have been offered in the past include Agriculture and Design, Novel Writing, Business Innovations, Data-Driven Entrepreneurship, Experimental Lab Science, Humans and Technology, Marine Science and Advocacy, Identity through Culture, Public Policy and Implementation, Grass Roots Change, Sport and the Athlete, and The World Through My Eyes.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

HPA is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



INNOVATION INCUBATOR

The HPA 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.

OTHER ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 17 Advanced Placement classes
- 15 Honors Level classes
- Advanced research in computer science, robotics, and drones
- Four World Language Options
- Hawaiian language, history, and culture courses
- World-renowned Sea Turtle Research Program
- Art history and the Isaacs Art Center
- Advanced Digital media (cinematography and photography)
- Performing Arts Acting, Tech, and Stagecraft

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

All HPA students participate in the after-school co-curricular program, which includes league-sanctioned team sports and co-curricular activities. Students may choose from team sports, physical and athletic activities, non-athletic activities, or performing arts. Possible team sport offerings include baseball, basketball, cheer, cross-country, football, golf, paddling, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo, wrestling, and flag football. Possible co-curricular offerings include lacrosse, an equestrian program, SCUBA, sustainable agriculture and gardening, community service projects, CrossFit, strength and speed training, theater, stagecraft, walking, hiking, yoga, music, and art options. HPA has won Hawai'i state championships in soccer, track, cross-country, basketball, and swimming.

Through participation in HPA's co-curricular program, students meet the required 120 hours of P.E. per year. No grades or credits are awarded for athletics.