



School Profile 2025-26

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy combines a traditional foundation in the liberal arts with student-driven, project-based learning. Hallmarks of the HPA experience are academic quality, a diverse and close-knit community, respect for Hawaiian culture and values, and an emphasis on sustainability and student agency. Our curriculum and school culture are deeply influenced by a strong sense of place. On Hawai'i Island, students have access to 11 of the planet's 13 climate zones, the Pacific ocean ecosystem, and two active volcanoes. Our school honors Hawaiian culture's ecological, social, and spiritual wisdom while embracing a contemporary multinational island society.

Drawing students from around the world, HPA is a unique and dynamic community in which to learn global citizenship and prepare for the college experience. Student-generated projects are embedded into classes at HPA in order to support experiential learning and prepare for deeper research as part of yearlong capstone projects conducted during the senior year.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

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

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): 614

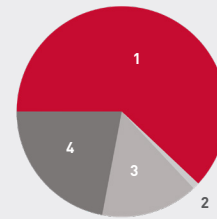
Upper School (9-12): 381

Upper School boarders: 164 (43%)

Upper School day students: 217 (57%)

Students represent 18 U.S. states and 23 countries.

Geographic origin of Upper School students



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

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

(3) U.S. Mainland: 46 (12%)

(4) International: 97 (25%)

Annual operating budget: 24.6 million

Financial aid budget: 4.6 million

43% of HPA students receive financial aid.

Upper School faculty

Total: 46 • MA degrees: 30 • Doctorates: 5

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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	

Transcripts provide a detailed explanation of our GPA calculation.

CLASS OF 2026 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

[AS OF JUNE 2025]

Cumulative GPA	% of Students
4.4-4.56	5.2%
4.2 - 4.39	7.3%
4.0 - 4.19	8.3%
3.8 - 3.99	15.6%
3.6 - 3.79	13.5%
3.4 - 3.59	16.7%
3.0 - 3.39	24%
< 2.9	9.4%

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
- **World Languages (3 credits):** Three levels of the same language and through the sophomore year
- **Hawaiian Studies (1 credit*):** 9th grade only
- **Health & Wellness (0.5 credits):** Freshmen Only
- **Arts (2 credits)**
- **Senior Capstone (1 credit):** All seniors must successfully complete a year-long capstone course
- **Electives (2.5 credits):** Selected from any department beyond the requirements outlined above.

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

STANDARDIZED TESTING

AVERAGES AND MID 50% SCORES

Class of 2025

SAT Reading & Writing	SAT Total
542	1066-1204
SAT Math	ACT Composite
518	22.1

WEIGHTING POLICY, GPA CALCULATION

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, 6 APs is the most demanding possible.

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
- Cal State System
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna
- Colgate University
- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Colorado College
- Creighton University
- 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
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- Trinity College Dublin
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- UC - System
- University of British Columbia
- University of Colorado
- University of Hawaii
- University of Miami
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Portland
- University of San Diego
- University of Saint Andrews
- University of Southern California
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- US Air Force Academy
- Stanford University
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University
- Waseda University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Willamette University
- Williams College
- Yale University

COURSES OFFERED (2025-2026)

ENGLISH

English 9
English 9 Honors
English 10
English 10 Honors
English International
English 11
English 11 Honors
English 12: Creative Writing
English 12: Multicultural Literature
English 12: The Art of Story Telling
English 12: Human Resilience
AP English Literature and Composition
AP English Language and Composition

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra 11
Algebra 11 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 1
AP Physics 2
AP Environmental Science
AP Psychology
AP Science Seminar
Forensic Science
Marine Bio 1/11
Anatomy Physiology 1/11
Robotics
Independent Science Research
Island Science
Introduction to Engineering
Computer Engineering
Oceanography

SOCIAL STUDIES

Modern World History
Modern World History
Modern World History Honors
AP Human Geography
United States History
United States History International

AP United States History
Economics Honors
AP Psychology
Hawaiian Studies: Ke Aloha 'Aina
Hawaiian Studies: Honors
Supreme Court Decisions and the Constitution
Art History 1/11
AP Art History
History Through Film

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish
AP Spanish Language and Culture
Japanese
Hawaiian

ARTS

Digital Media: AI
Drawing (Dry Media)
Drawing (Wet Media)
Acrylic Painting Color Theory
Mixed Media Printmaking
Mixed Media Collage
Digital Cinema
Digital Storytelling
Musicianship
Songwriting and Lyricism
Art Fundamentals: Visual Arts
Art Fundamentals: Theater
Art Fundamentals: Music

Ensemble Orchestra and Band
Art of Public Speaking and Improv
Technical Theater and Costuming
Movement for Actors
The Art of Acting & Improv

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL)

Intermediate ELL Reading
Intermediate ELL Listening and Speaking
Intermediate ELL Composition
Advanced ELL Composition
Advanced ELL Reading and Speaking
Advanced ELL World Cultures
ELL Content Bridge
Hawaiian and American History International

CAPSTONES (SENIOR YEAR)

Grassroots Change
Arts & Culture
Business Innovations - From Taking to Giving
Experimental Lab Science
Marine Science Outreach and Advocacy
Sports and Athlete
All Things Athletics
Protecting the Sacred
Ulu Malama

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art History • Biology • Pre-Calculus • Calculus AB • Calculus BC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • Comparative Government and Politics • Environmental Science • Human Geography | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Composition • Literature and Composition • Physics 1 • Physics 2 • Psychology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Seminar • Spanish Language and Culture • Statistics • U.S. History |
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