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Kealakehe High School Profile 2017-2018

Kealakehe High School, located on the slopes of Mount Hualalai, is a twenty-year-old (opened Fall 1997) comprehensive high school serving most of North Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii, in the State of Hawaii. We proudly graduated our first senior class in May of 2001.

Our enrollment this school year, 2017-2018, is 1380 in grades nine through twelve. We currently expect 30% of our seniors to attend a four-year college or university and 20% to opt for a two-year community college or vocational training school. About 5% will enlist in the military and the rest will enter the workforce and/or are undecided as to their future plans. We have full accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Our high school offers special education, career technical education, college prep, AVID, honors, advanced placement, and Early College classes. Advanced Placement courses are Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, English Literature, U.S. History, European History, English Composition, Statistics, Computer Science Principles, World History, and Physics. Our Early College courses are offered after school, during the summer, and we have just started embedding college classes into our AVID classes, starting with our current AVID 10 class. Students can also take college classes online or at the college through our Running Start program. We offer a wide variety of student interest clubs, JROTC and community service activities. In addition, we have a full complement of Junior Varsity and Varsity teams in football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, softball, bowling, cross-country, wrestling, judo, tennis, swimming, paddling, water polo, golf, and track and field.

A high school diploma (24 Credits) is offered to students who have successfully completed and passed four years of English and Social Studies; three years of Mathematics and Science, two years of CTE, world language or art, one year of Physical Education, ½ year each of Health and Personal Transition Plan and six elective credits.

The grading system used at this high school is the 4-point system: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0. Teachers can determine what percentage designates a passing grade, which includes cut offs at 60%, 65%, and 70%. Advanced Placement classes are weighted with an extra point, a 5-point scale. The mean test score for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I) is 1087. The mean composite score for the American College Test (ACT) is 18.4, including 250 of our 11th grade students who were tested as part of the State of Hawaii assessment for the past five years.

Our faculty numbers 80 and we have a grade level counselor for each grade, as well as a college and career counselor. In addition, we provide numerous student support services through qualified and caring staff, including a Student Support Coordinator (SSC) for 504 and IDEA students, three school-based therapists, and an attendance/academic advisor. The principal, Mr. Wilfred Murakami, and three vice principals comprise our administrative team.

Mr. Bill Armijo is the senior counselor and can be reached at (808) 313-3627.

Mrs. Candy Davis is the college counselor and can be reached at (808) 313-3621.

Questions may also be directed to Mr. Murakami, Principal at (808) 313-3614