Kamehameha Schools Maui

The 180-acre Kamehameha Schools Maui campus is situated in Pukalani on the gentle slopes of the dormant volcano Haleakalā at the 1,600-foot elevation. Founded in 1996 to serve more Native Hawaiians on the neighbor islands, Kamehameha Schools Maui now enrolls nearly 1,100 students in grades K-12 and employs more than 200 teachers, administrators and support staff.

Kamehameha’s Maui Elementary (K-5), Middle School (6-8) and High School (9-12) programs are accredited by the Hawai‘i Association of Independent Schools and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The curriculum is directed towards preparing students for success in post-high school endeavors and a rewarding and productive life. Christian values and Hawaiian culture are also integral to a Kamehameha education.

“I desire my trustees to provide first and chiefly a good education in the common English branches, and also instruction in morals and in such useful knowledge as may tend to make good and industrious men and women.”

This directive of Ke Ali‘i Bernice Pauahi Bishop, Kamehameha’s benefactor, coupled with her intent that Protestant Christianity would be taught and practiced in her schools, is the basis for a long-standing Christian tradition at Kamehameha. Christian education, devotions, chapel services and character education are significant components of the Kamehameha experience.

Students are encouraged to embrace the values Pauahi embodied, such as mālama (caring), kuleana (responsibility), naʻau pono (deep sense of justice) and kahiau (generosity from the heart). In order to develop empathy, social responsibility and servant leader qualities, all Kamehameha students perform meaningful and significant community service each year.

‘Ike Hawai‘i means knowing, experiencing, feeling and understanding things Hawaiian. To strengthen ‘ike Hawai‘i at Kamehameha and within each student, the school integrates Hawaiian cultural knowledge, language, traditions, practices and skills into the curriculum and daily classroom activities at all grade levels.
Like Pauahi, students graduating from Kamehameha are expected to be competent and comfortable in both the Hawaiian and Western cultures, and capable of practicing and passing on their cultural heritage to future generations. Students are required as a condition of graduation to successfully complete courses in Hawaiian history and culture and are expected to be foundationally proficient in the Hawaiian language.

Kula Ha‘aha‘a (the elementary school)

Kamehameha Schools Maui Elementary School offers its 264 elementary students a rigorous, well-rounded instructional program in kindergarten through grade 5. The curriculum features an emphasis on reading, mathematics, and Hawaiian language/cultural instruction, all beginning in kindergarten. Students are also engaged in an array of learning activities in music, art, science, technology, and physical education. An after-school program is available to provide academic support, extend learning in the arts and provide opportunities for participation in sports and special clubs such as chess, cooking and computers.

The elementary complex includes five classroom buildings, extensive outdoor play areas, a library/media center and a combined dining hall and performance space. Each classroom is equipped with five student computer workstations that are integrated into a campus-wide wireless network system.
Kula Waena (the middle school)

Kamehameha Schools Maui Middle School is a transitional period between elementary and high school. The curriculum is based on the premise that students between the ages of 11 and 14 are unique in their development. Thus the curriculum offers students a broad-based exploratory program, which is comprised of short-term classes designed and driven by student interest and teams of middle school teachers. Block scheduling helps teachers and students spend a greater length of time engaging in authentic hands-on activities. Teachers use their team planning time to develop interdisciplinary units (IDUs) to teach concepts and skills in each of the core subject areas that revolve around a unit of study. Exploratory Friday classes allow students to participate in interest and development activities ranging from coed intramurals to Christian and guidance classes. Classrooms are arranged by grade levels for easy access. Special subject teachers host their classes on both ends of the middle school campus. Students, parents and teachers communicate regularly through KS Connect (student progress), faculty websites (instructional content) and e-mail.

The middle school will be rolling out its 1-to-1 laptop program in the 2014-15 school year.

Kula Kiʻekiʻe (the high school)

Kamehameha Schools Maui High School has a college preparatory curriculum centered on applied learning and a career academy model. Students explore possible career choices through career academies, exposing large career fields of student interest. The high school experience focuses on rigor, relevance and relationships.

The high school facilities include a media center, general classrooms, dining hall, gymnasium and football stadium with track, an Olympic-size swimming pool, academy facilities, an administration/counseling building, and Keʻōpūolani, an integrated performing arts center, chapel and cultural center. The high school also features a 1-to-1 computer laptop program for all students.

For more information about Kamehameha Schools Maui, visit our website at http://maui.ksbe.edu, contact Lee Ann DeLima, Poʻo Kula (Head of School), at ledelima@ksbe.edu or (808) 572-3100.
Kamehameha’s Educational System

Kamehameha Schools was founded in 1887 by the will of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, great-granddaughter and last royal descendant of Kamehameha the Great. Her husband Charles Reed Bishop said, “Her heart was heavy when she saw the rapid diminution of the Hawaiian people going on decade after decade.” She hoped, he said, “through enlightenment, the adoption of regular habits and Christian ways of living, the natives would… increase again like the people of other races.”

Today, the schools’ mission is “to fulfill Pauahi’s desire to create educational opportunities in perpetuity to improve the capability and well-being of people of Hawaiian ancestry.”

Kamehameha the largest independent school in the United States. Preference is given to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law.

Kamehameha Schools is also the largest private landowner in the state of Hawai‘i. Income generated from its residential, commercial and resort leases, as well as diverse investments, fund the schools’ maintenance and educational services. It subsidizes a substantial portion of the cost to educate every student. Families of students pay a modest tuition to cover the remaining cost. Special financial aid is available to families who demonstrate additional need.

Since its founding in 1887, Kamehameha Schools has graduated more than 24,000 good and industrious young men and women — a worthy legacy of a visionary princess.

In addition to the Maui campus, Kamehameha encompasses the 600-acre Kapālama campus on O‘ahu with 3,200 K-12 students (450 of them boarders); a 312-acre Hawai‘i campus enrolling more than 1,150 K-12 students; and 29 preschool sites serving over 1,500 children. An extension education program including Hawaiian studies, literacy enhancement and enrichment programs also serves thousands of people in Hawaiian communities statewide. Every year, about $18 million in college financial aid is awarded to high school graduates who demonstrate financial need.

The combined preschool through grade 12 student enrollment of nearly 7,000 makes
Applying For Kamehameha Schools

Admission Entry Points, Process, Selection Criteria, Tuition Costs

Admission for all grade levels at all three Kamehameha Schools campuses – Maui, Hawai‘i and Kapalama - is competitive, as each year more applicants apply than can be enrolled.

- **Admission to Kamehameha Schools Maui**
  - Elementary School: The primary admission point is kindergarten.
  - Middle School: The primary admission point is grade 6.
  - High School: The primary admission point is grade 9. Applications to grades 10-12 are accepted, but space availability at these grade levels is not guaranteed, as they are considered “replacement” grades.

- **The Admission Process**
  Preference for admission is given to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law. Student admission to the Kamehameha Schools system is centralized. The main Admissions Office is located at the Kapalama campus on O‘ahu, however, branch offices are located at the Maui and Hawai‘i campuses.

  Prospective applicants for all campuses begin by submitting an application form by the September application deadline. All applicants to grades K-9 who meet the deadline are scheduled to take a standardized test. Applicants to grades 10-12 who did not apply for admission to grade 9 at Kamehameha are scheduled to take a standardized test.

  Other documents, such as report cards and references, are also collected. In addition, applicants to grades 6-9 complete a personal interview and essay. Other requirements, specific only to certain grade levels, are included with the application materials and listed on the admissions webpage.

- **Selection Criteria**
  Academic criteria, island/district and orphan/indigent quotas, and state residency are considered. Both the Maui and Hawai‘i campuses serve students islandwide. The Kapalama campus serves O‘ahu and the following neighbor island districts: West Hawai‘i, Hāna/Ke‘anae, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i, Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau.

- **Tuition Costs**
  Because Kamehameha Schools subsidizes a significant portion of the cost of educating its students, parents pay a nominal charge. Families must provide financial and tax information to qualify for financial assistance, which is awarded based on demonstrated financial need. Students who demonstrate eligibility may receive partial or full awards that may cover tuition, fees, meals, etc. Families are notified of awards prior to the start of school.
To apply for Kamehameha Schools Maui or for more information about the admissions process, please call (808) 572-3133 or visit our website at: www.ksbe.edu/admissions