



Upper School Profile 2023-2024

Parker School is an independent, co-educational day school located on the Big Island of Hawai'i in the small rural ranching town of Kamuela (population 11,687 in 2018). We provide a college-preparatory program, emphasizing personal and educational excellence, for 337 students in grades K-12. Our small class sizes, our 'ohana—or family-like—atmosphere, and our diverse, caring and talented faculty combine to produce an inspiring educational experience for students.

Financial aid totaling over \$891,000 has been awarded to 43% of the student body. In the past three years, 97% of Parker graduates have matriculated at 4 year colleges and 3% have gone to 2 year colleges. Parker School is fully accredited in grades K-12 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), and holds memberships in the Hawai'i Association of College Admission Counseling (HACAC) and the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

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UPPER SCHOOL

Enrollment: 134 students in grades 9-12

Faculty: 18 full time
Students in the class of 2024: 25
Student/faculty ratio: 8:1
Average class size: 14

PARKER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Clubs & Organizations

BOOK CLUB	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
DRAMATIQUES	'OLELO HAWAI'I CLUB (HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE)
ECO CLUB	PARKER PRESS
GAME AND ESPORTS CLUB	STEM CLUB
HELPING HANDS (SERVICE CLUB)	STUDENT COUNCIL
INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY	TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY
JOURNALISM CLUB	YEARBOOK
NATIONAL ART HONORS SOCIETY	

Athletics

Parker School participates in the Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) athletic league in the following varsity sports: basketball, cross country, golf, paddling, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

Graduating Requirements

Parker School students must complete a minimum of 27 credits to be eligible for graduation. Each successfully completed year of study is equal to one credit. The specific credit requirements for each department are listed below:

ENGLISH-4	PHYSICAL EDUCATION-2
FINE ARTS-2	MATHEMATICS-3
HAWAIIAN STUDIES-0.5	SCIENCE-3
HEALTH-0.5	WORLD LANGUAGE-3
HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE-3	ELECTIVE COURSES-6

Grading System

In 2022, Parker School began revising the school's grading policies to foster a greater emphasis on intrinsic motivation. Positive effort, attendance, homework, engagement, attitude, executive functioning, and organization continue to be evaluated, developed, and encouraged, but they will not directly impact formal grades. Assessments, projects, and performance make up the semester and year end grades.

Student GPA is cumulative and calculated each semester. Honors courses receive no additional weighting while AP courses receive an additional 1.0 on a 4.0 scale.

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

AP Results - 90% pass rate

Sixty-one Parker students took 132 AP tests in the 2022-2023 school year, resulting in an overall AP pass rate of 90% (% of total AP students with 3+). Four Parker students were listed as AP Scholars with Honor, eight were listed as AP Scholars with Distinction, and ten were listed as AP Scholars.

Cumulative GPA - Class of 2024

(through the end of junior year)

Listed by QUANTILES	UNWEIGHTED	WEIGHTED
Top 25%	3.87 - 4.00	4.07 - 4.33
2nd 25%	3.74 - 3.85	3.88 - 4.03
3rd 25%	3.36 - 3.73	3.47 - 3.87
4th 25%	2.46 - 3.17	2.46 - 3.30

Class Rank

Parker School does not provide class rank.

SAT Results for Reference

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and changing policies in higher education regarding test scores being required, most students have chosen to apply test optional. Below are results from the Class of 2024 who chose to take SAT tests.

	MEAN	NAT'L AVERAGE
SAT EBRW:	652	533
SAT Math Results:	628	527
Total:	1280	1060

Students Recognized by The National Merit Scholarship

Over the last ten years, 20 total students (5 Finalists, 4 Semifinalist and 11 Commended Students) have been recognized by The National Merit Scholarship Program.

DEPARTMENT OFFERINGS

English

AP LANGUAGE & COMP ENGLISH 9-10 (9,10 honors option)
AP LITERATURE & COMP ENGLISH TOPICS 11-12

Parker School's comprehensive approach to literacy includes appreciation for language use across cultures, time periods, and geographic regions. Students learn effective communication skills through exploration of fictional and non-fictional texts, including classic and contemporary works. Courses take students from the rudiments of grammar through the complexities of literary analysis with an emphasis on critical thinking and writing.

History/Social Studies

AP GOVERNMENT PHILOSOPHY
AP U.S. HISTORY THROUGH LINES: PEOPLE
ECONOMICS THROUGH LINES: PLACES
HAWAIIAN STUDIES U.S. HISTORY
HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (honors option) WESTERN CIV (honors option)
JUSTICE: ISSUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE WORLD HISTORY (honors option)

The study of history connects students to both the past and the future. Exploration of politics, philosophy, economics, and geography in traditional and non-traditional texts leads students to a greater understanding of society and culture.

World Language (Spanish)

SPANISH 1, SPANISH 2, SPANISH 3, AP SPANISH,
ADV. TOPICS IN SPANISH (Spanish 3 honors option)

Parker School currently offers five levels of Spanish language study. Spanish classes use the Total Physical Response method of language learning to master listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

Visual/Performing Arts

2-D ART COSTUME DESIGN
3-D ART FILM STUDIES
ACTING PHOTOGRAPHY
AP ART: 2D, 3D, DRAWING POTTERY
CHOREOGRAPHY TECHNICAL THEATRE
CHORUS

The Parker School fine arts department uses the Getty Foundation discipline-based art education approach to teaching fine arts. The academic and studio courses cover art criticism, history, aesthetics, and process. The performing arts courses offer opportunities for creative expression and performance. The drama department produces at least one show each semester.

Mathematics

PRE-ALGEBRA
ALGEBRA I
ALGEBRA II-TRIG. (honors option)
GEOMETRY
PRE-CALCULUS (honors option)
PROBABILITY & STATISTICS
CALCULUS
AP CALCULUS AB
AP CALCULUS BC

Math is mastered through a sequence of skills learned in an integrated and challenging program. The faculty use cooperative learning techniques, direct instruction, and technology to aid students in logical thinking, numerical manipulation, and the practical applications of mathematical reasoning in real life. Students are placed in math courses according to level of proficiency.

Science

BIOLOGY (honors option) AP BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY (honors option) AP CHEMISTRY
PHYSICS (honors option) AP PHYSICS C-E&M
HEALTH AP PHYSICS C-MECHANICS
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

The science program focuses on hands-on learning through experimentation. Students develop research skills in the laboratory and in the field. Science fair projects and multi-media presentations allow students opportunities for skill mastery and community recognition.

Physical Education

CONDITIONING DANCE -JAZZ
DANCE - BALLET YOGA

Focusing on a healthy lifestyle, the physical education program teaches individual athletic skills, positive attitude during competition, teamwork and healthy nutrition. ATHLETICS: AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM 0.5 CREDIT/YEAR/SPORT

Technology

3D DESIGN AND MODELING ROBOTICS
COMPUTER SCIENCE APPLICATIONS

General Electives

Elective courses offer students opportunities to explore areas of interest outside of the core departmental offerings.

INTERNSHIP GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY
SONGWRITING COURSES
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

COLLEGES ATTENDED BY PARKER GRADUATES FROM 2019-2023

Alfred University	Everett Community College	Pepperdine University	University of Redlands (2)
American University (2)	Gonzaga University	Portland State University	University of Rhode Island
Boston College	Haverford College	Reed College (3)	University of Rochester (4)
Bowdoin College	Hawaii Community College (4)	Rhode Island School of Design	University of San Diego
Brigham Young University, Provo	Illinois Institute of Technology	San Francisco Conservatory of Music (2)	University of San Francisco
Brown University (2)	Ithaca College	Santa Clara University	University of Southern California
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	Scripps College	University of Utah
California College of the Arts	Lewis & Clark College	Tufts University	University of Vermont (2)
California State University, San Marcos	Linfield College (4)	Unity College	University of Victoria (Canada)
Carroll College (2)	Manhattanville College	University of Alaska, Anchorage	Ursinus College
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Marist College (3)	University of California – Davis	Valley City State University
Chapman University (4)	McGill University (2)	University of California – Santa Cruz	Virginia Tech
Clemson University	Middlebury College	University of Canterbury, New Zealand	Wagner College (2)
Colgate University	Montana State University (2)	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	Washington State University (2)
Colorado College	Mount Holyoke College	University of Hawaii, Hilo (3)	Wellesley College
Colorado School of Mines	Northeastern University	University of Hawaii, Manoa (12)	Western Washington University (2)
Colorado State University – Fort Collins (5)	Northern Arizona University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Wheaton College MA (2)
Columbia University (2)	Northwestern University	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	Whitman College (2)
Concordia University College of Alberta	Oregon Institute of Technology (3)	University of Nevada-Reno	Willamette University (3)
Cornish College of the Arts	Oregon State University (2)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Creighton University (2)	Pacific Lutheran University	University of North Dakota	
The Culinary Institute of America	Pacific University (2)	University of the Pacific (4)	
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	Parsons School of Design	University of Portland (3)	