



Kealakehe Elementary School

School Code: 388

Grades K-5

School Status and Improvement Report School Year 2019-20



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Focus On Standards

This School Status and Improvement Report has been prepared as part of the Department's education accountability system to provide regular, understandable accounts of our schools' performance and progress, as required by §302A-1004, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

This report describes the school and its setting; provides information about the school's administrators, teachers, students and facilities; summarizes progress made based on the school's improvement plan; and reports student achievement results along with other vital signs.

School Description

On the slopes of Hualalai, overlooking Kailua Bay on the Kona Coast, Kealakehe Elementary School serves 950 students in pre-K to Grade Five from a wide range of ethnic and economic backgrounds.

Kealakehe Elementary School, home of the Kealakehe Warriors, supports the needs of the whole child. All grade levels implement Wonders!, the state-mandated ELA curriculum for elementary schools. Best practices in Balanced Literacy continue as part of the school's literacy efforts. The Million Words Reading Campaign and the Principal's Book of the Month are part of the school-wide structure to support literacy. Stepping Stones which is the state-mandated elementary school mathematics curriculum is used school-wide.

Restorative Practices are implemented school wide. Universal expectations include teaching the GLOs, Warrior Connect, daily welcome and wish off, and immediate positive feedback in every classroom. The Kealakehe PBIS focuses on the General Learner Outcomes. A GLO is highlighted each month. Students are acknowledged in their classrooms for demonstrating the GLO characteristics. GLO Assemblies are held monthly to recognize students from the grade level. Parents are invited. The annual Song Fest is a culminating event on the last day of school, showcasing all students celebrating our cultural diversity.

Kealakehe Elementary is an inclusion school with a continuum of LRE for special needs students. The school supports five Special Education Preschool Programs. A partnership with Headstart preschool which is located on site provides for an inclusion setting. Primary School Adjustment Program (PSAP) assists with the transition of primary students. School-wide and home access to computer programs such as KidBizz, MobyMath, and BrainPop increase opportunities for students to develop proficiency in reading and math. All teachers implemented GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) strategies to support all students in language acquisition. Comprehensive RtI is in place to meet the needs of all students. The initial focus remains on reading.

Kealakehe Elementary is a member of the Kealakehe Complex in West Hawaii. The Complex works toward K-12 articulation at several levels. Transitions between elementary and intermediate and intermediate and high school occur successfully. Each school has an Instructional Leadership Team.

Our initial WASC Self Study was completed in December 2016. The outcome of the Visiting Committee resulted in a six-year accreditation through June 2023 with a two-day mid term visit. The Mid Cycle visit was held in March 2020. The Visiting Committee re-affirmed our accreditation status.

School Setting

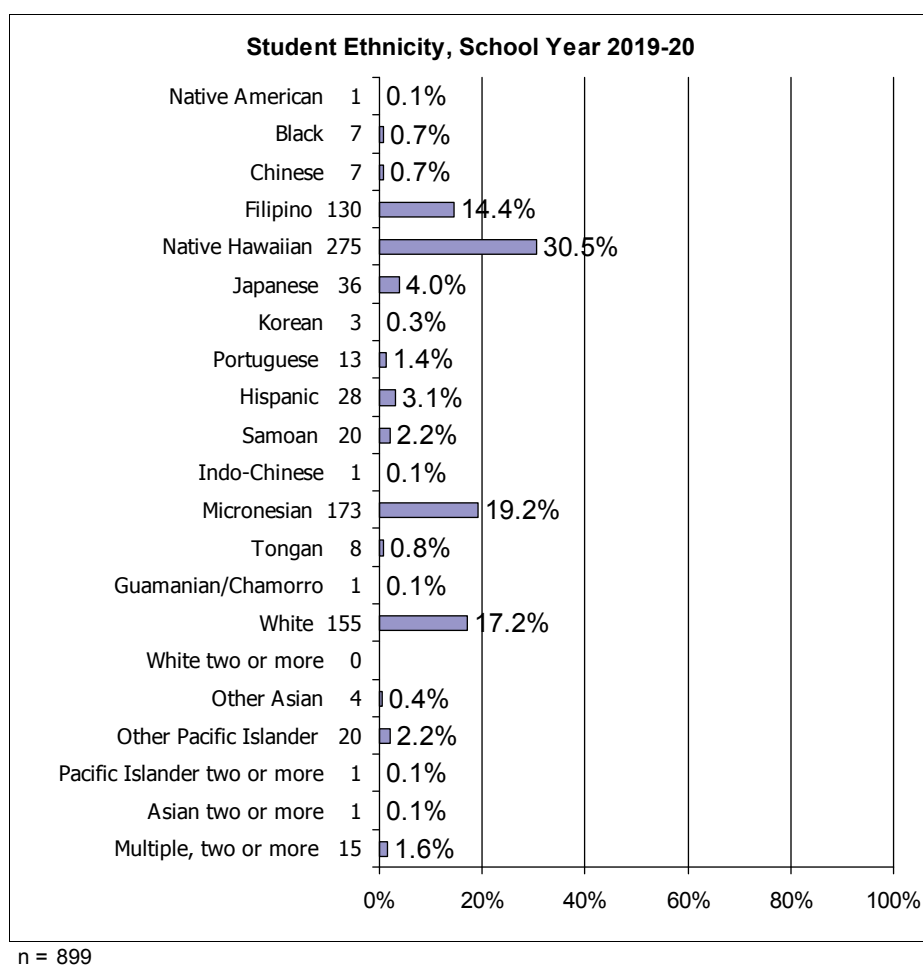
Student Profile

School year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Fall enrollment	968	936	899	Number and percent of students in Special Education programs	69 7.1%	68 7.2%	74 8.2%
Number and percent of students enrolled for the entire school year	900 92.9%	877 93.6%	854 94.9%	Number and percent of students with limited English proficiency	262 27.0%	251 26.8%	255 28.3%
Number and percent of students receiving free or reduced-cost lunch	673 69.5%	652 69.6%	632 70.3%				

Note. -- means missing data.

* means data not reported to maintain student confidentiality (see FERPA).

** means School is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision.



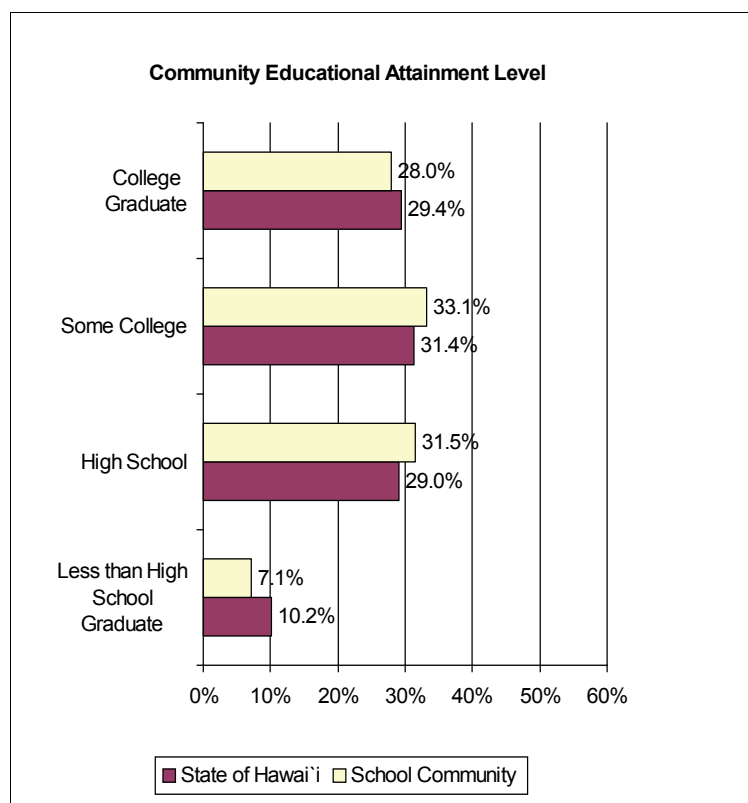
School Setting

Community Profile

The *Community Profile* information updated in this school report reflects selected 2010 demographics for the High School Complex (HSC) area in which this school resides. Profile data are based on the 2010 U.S. Census, the American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010 five-year estimates (centric to 2008), and the incorporation of Hawaii's HSC boundary areas with updated 2010 Census geography. Figures for educational attainment and median household income are sample estimates obtained from the ACS, adapted to conform to HSC geography, and should be considered rough approximations of census counts.

Based on the 2010 U.S. Census

Kealakehe HSC	School Community	State of Hawai'i
Total population	42,511	1,360,301
Percentage of population aged 5-19	17.5%	18.4%
Median age of population	41.5	38.6
Number of family households	10,394	313,907
Median household income	\$66,079	\$66,420



School Improvement

Summary of Progress

Kealakehe Elementary School teachers implement the state-mandated ELA Wonders! curriculum and Stepping Stones with fidelity. Teachers meet in professional learning communities weekly, develop common assessments, and analyze student work. Kindergarten to grade 5 teachers implement CCSS for ELA and mathematics. iReady and DIBELS are administered three times a year as universal screeners. Math fluency is assessed three times a year, using That Quiz for the common assessment. Common formative assessments for reading and mathematics are administered monthly. Student progress is noted in all assessments.

Kealakehe Elementary practices the inclusion model to meet the needs of IDEA, EL, and gifted/talented students. Support for these students is provided by trained personnel who work with the students and the teachers. An increase in the number of laptop computers in the classroom has provided students more access to technology. Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 have 1-to-1 computers and use Google classroom. Class sets of computers are available to students in kindergarten to grade 2 with some teachers using Google classroom. Most teachers use interactive whiteboards and other technology as part of their daily lesson delivery. A partnership with the Honolulu Theater for Youth through the National Endowment for the Arts presents EL students with tremendous opportunity to develop original performances based on cultural oral traditions. EL students proudly performed at the Complex EL Speech Festival during the 4th quarter this year. Response to Intervention (RtI) for reading and mathematics is available in a number of venues. Teachers provide differentiated instruction in reading and mathematics as part of Tier 1. More intense support is delivered through smaller group or individual instruction for reading and mathematics during the intervention block. Level 2 RtI for behavior utilizes staff members as mentors in addition to counseling. A+, Freedom Schools, and Boys and Girls Club of Hilo provide Kealakehe Elementary students with comprehensive after school programs. Tutorials for reading and mathematics, homework help, and many enrichment opportunities are available throughout the year. Every year, the drama program produces a stage performance. This year, the community was treated to Peter Pan. Family-oriented events such as Health and Wellness Fair, Literacy Fest, Arts and Culture Night, STEM Showcase brought the families to join in learning more about the curriculum. A partnership with the Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union provided students an opportunity to learn the value of savings and to open a savings account. A focus on art education provided students with opportunities to share their art in the community. Many students received awards for the Lions Sight is Beautiful poster contest. Students entered the Book Week Poster Contest sponsored by the public library and winning entries were displayed at the public libraries. Fifth graders were invited to create posters for the KTA Safety contest. A weekly walk/run program that was held before school was sponsored by the PTO. Students earned tickets for running. Classes were awarded healthy pizza parties each quarter for "running" the farthest as well as turning Health and Wellness calendars. Officers and members of the student council became the voice of the Kealakehe Warriors, reading morning announcements over the PA system every day. There is a continuation in community partnership as the parent involver made contact with organizations such as Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, Kealakehe Housing, Department of Health, Hawaii Food Bank, and Neighborhood Place. These organizations supported the school with donations, program participation, and wellness committee organization. Kealakehe Elementary was declared a Blue Zones School in the Spring and will further our efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all keiki.

School Resources

Certified Staff

Teaching Staff

Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) ¹		67.5
Regular Instruction, FTE	65.9%	44.5
Special Instruction, FTE	28.1%	19.0
Supplemental Instruction, FTE	5.9%	4.0

Teacher headcount		68
Teachers with 5 or more years at this school		18
Teachers' average years of experience		6.7
Teachers with advanced degrees		28

Professional Teacher Credentials

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Fully licensed	95.5%	65
Emergency hires	4.4%	3

¹ Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.
Professional Teacher Credentials are based on teacher headcount number.

Students per Teaching Staff

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Regular Instruction	18.5
Special Instruction	3.8

² These figures do not indicate class size.

Administrative and Student Services Staff

Administration, FTE	5.0
Librarians, FTE	1.0
Counselors, FTE	3.0
Number of principals at this school in the last five years	1

³ Administration includes Principals, Vice-Principals, Student Activity Coordinators, Student Services Coordinators, Registrars, and Athletic Directors

Results in the Certified Staff section reflect data at the time the Employee Data reports were generated.

Facilities

School Year Ending 2020

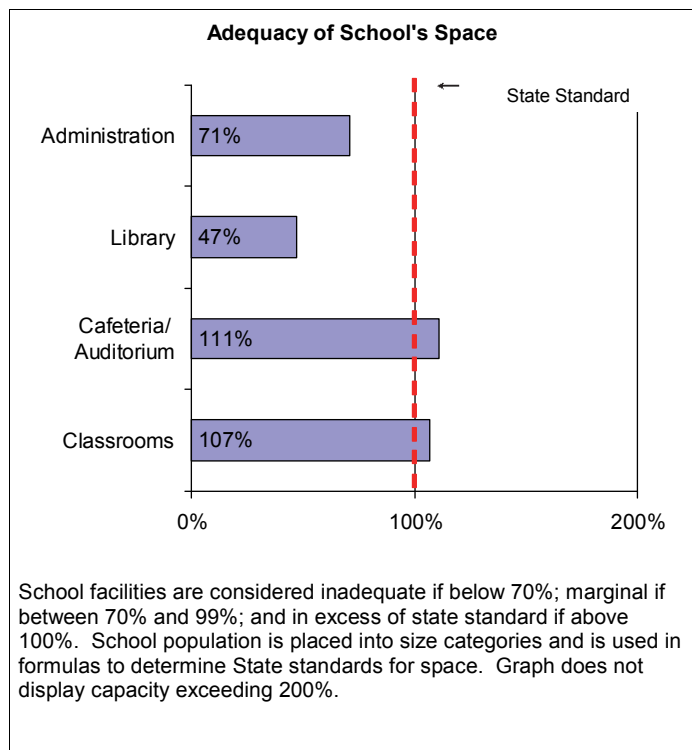
Classrooms available	54
Number of classrooms short (-) or over (+)	0

School facilities inspection results

From the 2011 school year, school facilities inspection data are no longer available at the state level. Department schools are still required to do an annual assessment of its facilities in the following areas: Grounds, Building exterior, Building interior, Equipment/Furnishings, Health/Safety and Sanitation. All department schools should have their annual inspections completed by the second quarter of the school year.

Historically, the majority of the department schools attained inspection assessment points in the following ranges: 9-15, earning a "Satisfactory" rating, and 16-18 points, earning the highest "Very Good" rating.

Note. -- means missing data.



Vital Signs

School Quality Survey

The School Quality Survey (SQS), administered by the Accountability Section, is used for strategic planning and to comply with state accountability requirements.

Percent of Positive Responses

School Quality Survey *		Teachers		Parents		Students	
Dimensions		School	State	School	State	School	State
Safety	2019	49.3%	77.9%	62.6%	86.0%	60.2%	71.4%
	2020	47.9%	76.7%	66.5%	86.3%	60.2%	68.2%
Well-Being	2019	55.0%	76.5%	79.4%	90.7%	--	--
	2020	58.7%	75.7%	80.6%	91.0%	--	--
Satisfaction	2019	50.0%	74.8%	77.0%	86.6%	--	--
	2020	52.2%	72.9%	75.4%	87.5%	--	--
Involvement/Engagement	2019	56.5%	74.6%	62.4%	74.9%	--	--
	2020	62.9%	73.2%	62.6%	75.5%	--	--

Survey Return Rate **		Teachers		Parents		Students	
		School	State	School	State	School	State
	2019	88.1%	79.9%	18.7%	34.9%	69.3%	86.0%
	2020	67.1%	84.5%	16.3%	37.7%	75.2%	85.2%

* The SQS is completed by students and parents of students in grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11 and by all teachers of the school. State Teacher and Parent positive response figures are one of four grade spans (Gr. K to 5/6, Gr. 6/7 to 8, Gr. 9 to 12, and Multi-level) that best correspond to this school's grade span. The Student positive response figures for the State and this school are those of the highest grade level surveyed at this school.

** State Return Rate for Teachers, Parents, and Students are for one of six grade spans (Elementary, Elementary/Middle, Elementary/Middle/High, Middle, Middle/High, High) that corresponds to this school.

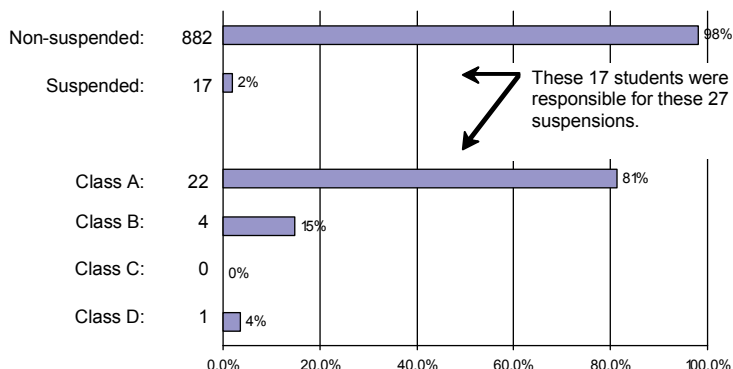
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Student Conduct

Attendance and Absences

School Year			State Standard
2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	
Average Daily Attendance: % (higher is better)			
92.6%	92.1%	91.7%	95.0%
Average Daily Absences: in days (lower is better)			
13.1	13.7	10.9	9

Suspensions, School Year 2019-2020



Examples of class of suspension:

Class A: Burglary, robbery, sale of dangerous drugs
 Class B: Disorderly conduct, trespassing
 Class C: Class cutting, insubordination, smoking
 Class D: Contraband (e.g. possession of tobacco)

School Retention

Retention for elementary schools include students who were retained (kept back a grade) in all grades except kindergarten. Retention for middle/intermediate/K-8 schools include only eighth graders who were not promoted to ninth grade.

	Retention		
	2018	2019	2020
Total number of students	818	798	751
Percent retained in grade	0%	0%	0%

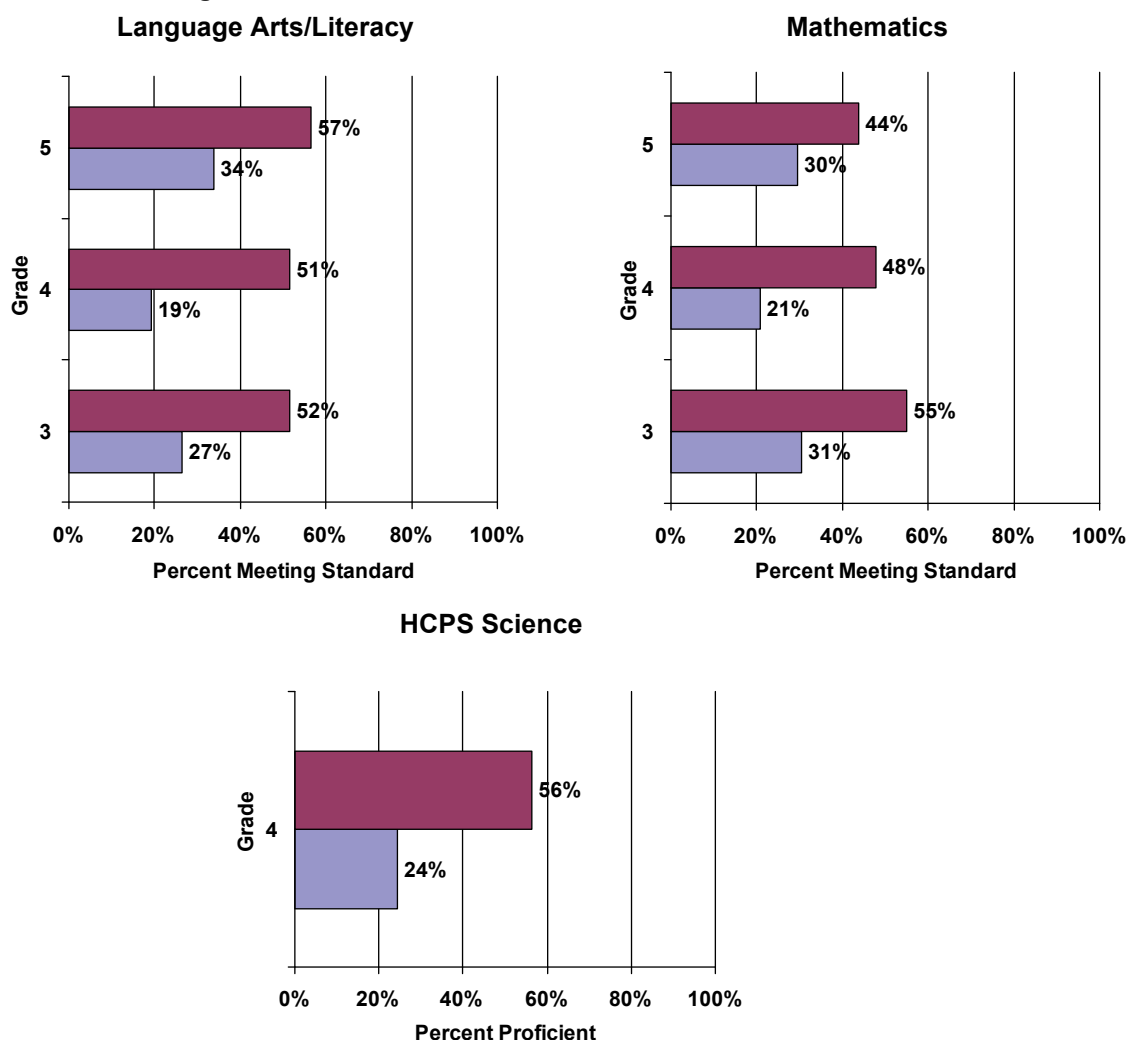
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Hawaii Statewide Assessment Program

NOTE: The visuals below display assessment results for School Year (SY) 2018-19. There are no results for SY 2019-20 due to COVID-19 and the U.S. Department of Education's waiver from testing.



The HCPS Science assessment is given in grades 4 and 8. High School (HS) HCPS Science assessment results are from an end-of-course exam given to high school students enrolled in Biology I.



A school's bar may not be shown to maintain student confidentiality (see FERPA).

Other School Information

Kealakehe Elementary School is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges for a period of six years. The school has received a special progress status. This school's accreditation term expires in 2023.

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