



KIHEI CHARTER SCHOOL
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Community

Kihei Charter School is in the town of Kihei in South Maui. It is a rural, residential area where the primary industry is tourism and other service-related industries. Kihei was relatively unpopulated until the 1970s. It was during that decade that hotels and condominiums began to be developed in the area. In the decades since, Maui has experienced tremendous population growth. This growth is projected to continue throughout the coming decades. Much of this growth in South Maui can be attributed to a boom in tourism and development. The 2010 U.S. Census reported the population of Kihei at 20,881, which is a 24.7% increase in population since the 2000 Census. The town encompasses a coastal area of 11.9 square miles. The town is culturally diverse with a population that is 50.7% White, 21.7% Asian, 10.5% Hispanic, 6.5% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, 1.2% Black, 0.6% American Indian and Alaska Native, and 16.3% persons reporting two or more races.

School

Kihei Charter School is an innovative public charter school serving students in grades K-12. Enrollment for the 2012-13 school year is 581 students. Enrollment has increased every year since the school opened in 2001, and the school maintains waitlists each year. KCS is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The school's enrollment reflects the cultural diversity of South Maui: the student body is 70.5% white, 8.1 % Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 4.6% Asian, 2.4% Black, 2.2% Hispanic, 0.7% American Indian and Alaskan Native, and 11.9% students reporting two or more races. Currently 30% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch, and 6% of students have IEPs or Section 504 Modification Plans.

Curriculum

Kihei Charter School is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) school, and is the first STEM school in Hawaii. The school also focuses on 21st century skills and blended education. As students matriculate through high school, they are facilitated towards unique learning opportunities beyond the four walls of the school that include college courses for dual credit offered through the Running Start Program in partnership with the University of Hawaii, online courses offered through K12.com, internships, independent projects, and senior projects. Currently 20% of KCS students are enrolled in at least one college course, and 80% of KCS graduates continue directly on to college. During the 12-13 school year the University of Hawaii Maui College is offering two college classes at the KCS High School campus during the regular student day, making KCS the only public school in Hawaii to host college classes for its students. The core KCS curriculum for high school students is: math, science, engineering, technology, language arts, and social studies. Each year students are also required to complete electives (such as Spanish, Health, and PE) and independent projects. All students are required to successfully complete a senior project, an internship, at least one virtual course, and a portfolio exit interview/defense at the end of their senior year in order to meet the KCS graduation requirements.

Grading, GPA Calculation, and Ranking

In the high school, student progress is measured through demonstration of the Hawaii State Content and Performance Standards and the KCS 21st Century Skills. Students must earn a minimum grade of 70% in order to earn credit for a course. The KCS academic year is divided into semesters, and students work towards earning half credits each semester (1 credit = 1 year's worth of work). The KCS HS grading scale is as follows:

97 – 100	A+	4.3
94 – 96	A	4.0
90 – 93	A-	3.7

87 – 89	B+	3.3
84 – 86	B	3.0
80 – 83	B-	2.7
77 – 79	C+	2.5
74 – 76	C	2.3
70 – 73	C-	2.0
60 - 69	I	0.0
0 - 59	F	0.0

No credit is granted for semesters in which less than 70% of the standards and 21st Century Skills were earned; however, as it is the primary goal of Kihei Charter School to facilitate *all* students towards academic success, the school offers students who earn between 60% and 69% of standards and 21st Century Skills within a class during a semester the opportunity to remediate their work towards earning a 70% in the course and thereby earning credit for the semester. This remediation will take place during required afterschool attendance at the start of the next semester. There is a sliding scale of attendance requirement, with a minimum of four (4) hours for any remediation credit. The student will have one quarter in which to remediate work from the previous semester. In order to be eligible for credit remediation, the student must apply directly to the teacher for this opportunity. "I"s that are not remediated after one quarter will convert to "F"s with no credit earned on transcripts.

Grades earned in Running Start (RS) dual enrollment courses through University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses taken virtually through K12 will be weighted as follows:

A	5.0
B	4.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
F	0.0

GPA is calculated using the above scales and quality points. Classes that are graded on a P/F basis are not included in GPA calculations. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. GPA is calculated in December and June.

Class rank is calculated beginning in senior year. Initial rank is calculated based upon the first six semesters of high school work. Class ranks are recalculated in January of senior year and the seventh semester is factored into the calculations at this time. Ranking is calculated utilizing weighted GPAs.

Colleges Attended by Recent Graduates

Azusa Pacific University	Biola University
Chapman University	George Fox University
Gonzaga University	Oregon State University
Point Park College	Portland State University
St. Martin's University	Seattle University
Soka University of America	University of California Long Beach
University of Colorado Boulder	University of Hawaii Hilo
University of Hawaii Manoa	University of Hawaii Maui College
University of Nevada Reno	University of Oregon Clark Honors College
Western Washington University	Willamette University

Extracurricular Opportunities

KCS offers a wide array of extracurricular opportunities that includes athletics, performing arts, fine arts, robotics, technology, student government, yearbook, etc.