SCHOOL PROFILE

Mission Statement

**Ka Nuʻukia (Vision)**

E mālama ‘ia ana ka mauli ola o kākou mai kēlā hanauna a i kēia hanauna.

*Our spirit of being is nurtured from generation to generation.*

**Ke Ala Nuʻukia (Mission)**

‘O ko mākou ala nuʻukia ka mālama ‘ana i Honua mauli ola i waiwai i ka ‘ike a me ka lawena aloha o nā kūpuna i mea e lei ai kākou i ka lei o ka lanakila.

*Our mission is to foster success for all members of our learning community by providing a culturally healthy and responsive learning environment.*

**Nā Ala Hoʻokele (Guiding Principles)**

Ma o ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i e ola ai nā iwi o nā kūpuna.

‘O ke Kumu Honua Mauli Ola ka pou hale o kākou.

E lei ‘ia ana nā ‘ano aʻo a pau i ka lanakila ma o ka ‘ike kino.

‘O nā ‘ohana ke kula, ke kaiaulu nā kōkoʻokolu e kākoʻo a i ka hale.

*The Hawaiian language is our foundation that enables us to honor our ancestors and perpetuate our traditions.*

*The principles of Kumu Honua Mauli Ola, the Hawaiian Educational philosophy, form the support structure of our school.*

*All learning styles will be supported so that our children will attain equitable success.*

*Families, school and community are equal partners of our success.*

---

**Kamakau and its community.**

Ke Kula ‘o Samuel M. Kamakau, Laboratory Public Charter School is a family-based, Hawaiian language immersion school offering a comprehensive multi-level (PK through Secondary) educational program. Ke Kula ‘o Kamakau was initially established in January 2000 in response to the expressed needs of Native Hawaiian families to increase student achievement through cultural-based education while addressing the educational needs of multi-generations of learners. As an indigenous language laboratory school program, Ke Kula ‘o Kamakau is committed to the ongoing development of Hawaiian language education through research, teacher training, and resource development.
Ke Kula ‘o Kamakau continues to be the sole public charter school offering a Hawaiian language immersion education on O‘ahu island. Our school currently serves 158 students grades PK-12 during, 95% of which are Native Hawaiians. Families of our small school are from communities, which range from urban to rural and for whom the Hawaiian language is a second language. Families residing in the Ko‘olau Poko district account for 66% of our enrollment, 6% from the Ko‘olau Loa district, and 28% from other districts on O‘ahu to be a part of our program. During this past year, 58% of the students qualified for free or reduced meals.

As an educational institution, we have evolved from our initial establishment as a family-based program of the ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. in 1999 and an indigenous language laboratory program of Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani Hawaiian Language College of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo in 2000. After two years of operating as a partnership program of the ‘Aha Pūnana Leo and Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani with the DOE, Ke Kula ‘o Kamakau was chartered in May 2001 by the State of Hawai‘i Board of Education, as provided for in Act 62. 2012-2013 marked the first year of our preschool program, Nā Pualei ‘o Sarah Hainakolo Kupanihi Kamakau.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade Levels</th>
<th># of Students</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PK-12</td>
<td>159</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-12</td>
<td>141</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>