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# WAIĀKEA HIGH SCHOOL

## VISION - "LEARN FOR LIFE!"

Waiākea High School prepares and empowers the whole student with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for success in high school and beyond.

## MISSION

The mission of Waiākea High School is to graduate students with the essential skills of critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration for success in today's world. Our mission is achieved through an environment of Smaller Learning Communities (SLC).

## EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK

### *Freshmen Academy*

### *Business, Engineering, Science & Technology Academy (BEST)*

### *Health Academy*

### *Public Services Academy*

### *Sustainability through Traditions, Arts, and Recreation Academy (STAR)*

The Smaller Learning Communities of Waiākea High School are composed of a 9<sup>th</sup> grade house and four career academies. Smaller learning communities allow teachers and other adults within the school to know individual student's needs, interests, and aspirations and to provide the necessary academic supports to facilitate learning.

The educational framework for our smaller learning communities has been adopted from the Partnership of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. The interconnected components of the P21 framework include:

- CORE SUBJECTS & 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY THEMES
  - Core Subjects: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Government & Civics/History/Geography/Economics, Arts, and World Languages
  - Interdisciplinary Themes: Global Awareness, Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy, Civic Literacy, Health Literacy, Environmental Literacy
- LEARNING & INNOVATION SKILLS
  - Creativity & Innovation
  - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
  - Communication & Collaboration
- INFORMATION, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY SKILLS
  - Information Literacy
  - Media Literacy
  - Information, Communications & Technology (ICT) Literacy
- LIFE & CAREER SKILLS
  - Flexibility and Adaptability
  - Initiative and Self-Direction
  - Social & Cross-Cultural Skills
  - Productivity & Accountability
  - Leadership & Responsibility