Explore, Investigate... Be Inspired.

DISCOVER THE WORLD

Haleakalā Waldorf High School
Waldorf education is a rebirth of the Renaissance ideals in modern form. Students are encouraged to be well-rounded, to become reflective thinkers, to be able to work in a variety of disciplines, unlock imagination, and cultivate creativity. Haleakalā Waldorf High School’s curriculum offers rigorous challenges in math, the sciences, literature, and the humanities, infused at every step with the arts. Our students are introduced to the full scope of human experience, from the greatest and best of cultural achievement to the complexity, tragedy, and dark lessons of history. They study the ideas that shaped civilizations, experience the beauty of the great theorems of mathematics, feel the transformative power of the arts, and explore the wonder of the natural world in science. Each student is on a unique journey.

Haleakalā Waldorf School endeavors to educate the entire human being mind, body and spirit.
WHY THE NAME… HALEAKALĀ… SACRED HOUSE OF THE SUN?

The summit of Haleakalā, Maui’s shield volcano, represents many things to the indigenous people of Hawai‘i. The ancient spiritual use of Haleakalā was for meditation and receiving spiritual wisdom by na Kahuna Po‘o (the lead priests). It is said to be a place where the tones of ancient prayer are balanced within the vortex of energy for spiritual manifestations. Indeed, it is a place of prayer; it is Ala hea ka la – the path to calling the sun… perhaps the sun within ourselves.

HALEAKALĀ WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL IS LOCATED AT THE HUI NO’EAU VISUAL ARTS CENTER

The Hui’s expansive 25-acre grounds consist of various historic housing structures, a stable, carriage house and a garage that have been transformed into fully functioning artist studios, exhibition galleries, and classrooms. The Hui has been a gathering place for some of the greatest artistic minds contributing to Maui arts and culture. These beautiful surroundings offer an invaluable resource to Haleakalā Waldorf High School students. In addition to the classrooms of the school, the art studios at Hui No’eau offer students access to state-of-the-art studios and equipment for ceramics, painting, technology, jewelry making, and so much more.
“Whatever an education is, it should make you a unique individual, not a conformist: it should furnish you with an original spirit with which to tackle the big challenges; it should allow you to find values which will be your road map through life; it should make you spiritually rich, a person who loves whatever you are doing, wherever you are, whomever you are with; it should teach you what is important, how to live and how to die.”

Teacher, Educator, and Author
- John Taylor Gatto

Be part of Haleakalā Waldorf High School’s community of learners. Our aim is to sharpen your understanding of our vast and complex world, broaden your capacity to create meaningful relationships with other human beings, and strengthen your ability to translate thoughts and plans into action. At Haleakalā Waldorf High School, you will build capacities for focus, self-awareness, intellectual confidence, and the ethical conviction to dare to act freely, pursue your dreams, and bring your own individuality into the world.
EXPERIMENT

“To truly know the world, look deeply within your own being; To truly know yourself, take real interest in the world.”

Rudolf Steiner, Founder of Waldorf Education

The Waldorf approach to learning is hands-on and interdisciplinary. At Haleakalā Waldorf High School, collaboration is a daily experience, and students spend considerable time translating classroom-based concepts into real-world applications. When studying trigonometry, students survey the campus and surrounding area; in physics they build the circuitry that allows a computer to add; in geometry, they draft architectural drawings; in ecology they participate in restoring native ecosystems; and in English they are asked to write and add their own original scenes to famous plays. Students are highly engaged and make the material their own. They are encouraged to learn for learning’s sake and to experience the joy of learning.
At Haleakalā Waldorf High School, learning is not about multiple-choice tests and memorizing facts but understanding, interpreting, and making knowledge dynamic and applicable in real-world situations and contexts. The curriculum changes from grade to grade in developmental progression.

Ninth grade is a time for finding balance between polarities; tenth grade is the time to acquire logical thinking and master the tools of language; eleventh grade is a time to ponder philosophical riddles, ask the deepest questions and explore theories; and twelfth grade is a time to synthesize and find meaning.
The Morning Lesson is a special feature of the Haleakalā Waldorf High School curriculum. Here students delve into a subject for a double period each day for a three-week block of time with a specialist main lesson teacher. This concentrated period of time allows for the material to be studied very deeply without distractions, and for a wide breadth of material to be studied every year.

The rigor and depth of study in the High School requires a high level of expertise in each subject. Therefore, Haleakalā Waldorf High School teachers are masters in their area of study and teach with deep knowledge, enthusiasm, and passion for their discipline.

Morning Lessons are complemented by year-long skills classes in math, English, ecology, arts and crafts, history, and athletics.

The intimate size of Haleakalā Waldorf High School provides an ideal community for students to develop meaningful, long-lasting relationships with both peers and teachers. Students receive individual attention and enjoy participating in classes. No student is overlooked. Learning occurs in a cooperative environment, and students learn to value diversity.

**A CURRICULUM WITH DEPTH, BREADTH, and the Pursuit of Excellence...**
9th Grade
Theme: Finding the Balance Between Extremes

ENGLISH - Comedy and Tragedy
HISTORY - History Through Art, U.S. History, World Revolutions, History of Hawaii
CHEMISTRY - Organic Compounds
PHYSICS - Thermodynamics
BIOLOGY - Anatomy
ECOLOGY - Physical Environment
GEO SCIENCE - Geology
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY - Communication and Transportation
MATHEMATICS - Combinations/Permutations and Architectural Drafting

• Analyze how an automobile engine works
• Draft architectural drawings
• Manufacture chemical scents in an organic chemistry lab
• Enact scenes from great comedies and tragedies
• Identify minerals and study their uses
• Trace the unfolding of revolutions in history
• Develop the art of charcoal and pencil drawing
• Practice leather work and bind books
• Sculpt bones when studying anatomy

10th Grade
Theme: Developing the Tools of Language, Aesthetics, and Reason

ENGLISH - The Art of Writing Poetry
HISTORY - Ancient History to Greece
CHEMISTRY - Acids and Bases
PHYSICS - Mechanics, Bridges
BIOLOGY - Physiology
ECOLOGY - Living Communities
GEO SCIENCE - Meteorology
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY - Machines
MATHEMATICS - Surveying and Trigonometry

• Study the construction of bridges
• Interpret a weather map
• Develop subtle capacities for language through an exploration of Romantic poetry
• Investigate the acid-base chemistry of cosmetics
• Develop the feeling of certainty by proving geometrical theorems
• Discover the emergence of reasoning and logic by tracing the evolution of human civilization from ancient times to Greece
• Paint with color and draw with pastels
• Use a loom and weave; forge iron in blacksmithing
11th Grade
Theme: Training the Power of Analysis

ENGLISH - Parsifal and the Quest for the Grail
- Shakespeare
HISTORY - Middle Ages and Renaissance
CHEMISTRY - The Periodic Table
PHYSICS - Electricity and Magnetism
BIOLOGY - Cell Biology and Botany
ECOLOGY - Ecosystems
GEOSCIENCE - Astronomy
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY - Electronic Circuits
MATHEMATICS - Projective Geometry

- Wire practical electric circuits
- Study the chemical elements and their uses
- Make a model of the solar system
- Encounter the legend of Parsifal through active reading, creative writing, and artistic expression
- Trace humanity’s search for meaning through the development of Rome, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance into the Enlightenment and the Romantics
- Capture individuality in art through portrait painting
- Make stained glass and jewelry

12th Grade
Theme: Synthesizing and Finding Meaning

ENGLISH - Faust and Transcendentalists
HISTORY - Architecture
- The Evolution of Human Consciousness
CHEMISTRY - Biochemistry
PHYSICS - Optics, 20th Century Physics
BIOLOGY - Zoology; Evolution and Genetics
ECOLOGY - Populations
GEOSCIENCE - Paleontology
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY - Programming
MATH - Calculus; Spherical Trigonometry
DRAMA - Play Performance

- Study DNA sequencing and how the human genome is constructed
- Trace the development of atomic theory to modern particle physics
- Mix colored lights in stage design, applying knowledge of the study of optics
- Investigate the origins of the human being through fossil evidence
- Explore the questions of the Transcendentalists: What are the tasks and aims of the present civilization? How can we develop a personal spirituality that enlivens culture?
- Comprehend current events in the context of Symptomatology and the evolution of consciousness
- Choose individualized personal art projects, such as building Raku pottery
- Complete complex projects in clothing design and stage craft
HWHS ENCOURAGES STUDENTS

to pursue a wide range of extra-curricular activities such as drama, sports, community service, publishing a yearbook, exploring technology, visual arts and pursuing environmental concerns. Students are encouraged to form their own clubs and pursue their personal interest in athletics. Teamwork and fundamental skills are stressed in sports in addition to individual achievement.

Only an education that inspires, transforms, and provides a basis upon which to live one’s life is worth pursuing.
The goal of Haleakalā Waldorf High School is to graduate balanced, well-rounded, compassionate individuals who are “up standers”, not “bystanders” and who are ready to make a difference in the world.
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

SCHOOL WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

Haleakalā Waldorf High School expands the boundaries of the classroom. Students deepen learning and gain real-world experience and confidence through the opportunity to learn and work off campus with various businesses and organizations such as:

- Hawaiian Islands Land Trust
- Technology Companies
- Hospital and medical centers
- Environmental Stewardship Organizations
- Fine and Graphic Artists

- Haleakalā National Park
- Entrepreneurs
- Organic Farmers
- Marine Science Organization
- Maui Hulilau Foundation
GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Travel and experience other cultures through our international exchange program. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for Waldorf students to step into a different culture while continuing their Waldorf education. Waldorf high schools worldwide provide many choices and possibilities. Living abroad can be an experience that stays with you for a lifetime!

Haleakalā Waldorf High School aims to attract an internationally diverse student population representing the planet’s variety of cultural backgrounds.

International students are welcomed and students are encouraged to study abroad.
The emphasis on the individual pursuit of learning, in-depth scientific thinking, expressive and substantial writing assignments, and constant problem-solving and projects prepare Waldorf graduates for college.

Professors often remark how Waldorf students ask “why” questions in addition to “what?,” and find that these students ask the deepest questions and have enthusiasm for learning that is not exclusively motivated by wanting a good grade.

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats
Waldorf alums the world over and for the past 90 years excel at top-tier universities and in life. Waldorf graduates are world citizens, possess empathy, are socially adept... and they take AP courses, go to Harvard, win Fulbright scholarships, are CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, become research scientists, and join the Peace Corp.

Waldorf High School students are prepared for college and life and have the foundation and attitude for thriving in a globalized and interconnected world.

The nuances and wealth of the Haleakalā Waldorf High School curriculum offer an education that combines internationally respected academic standards, a global perspective, and essential real world skills and attitudes.

“By the time they reach us at the college and university level, these students are grounded broadly and deeply and have a remarkable enthusiasm for learning. Such students possess the eye of the discoverer, and the compassionate heart of the reformer which, when joined to a task, can change the planet.”

- Arthur Zajonc, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics, Amherst College
“The education system that will optimize the prospects of success in the global world will be one that develops passion, releases creativity and which has deeply challenged its young people.”

Anthony Seldon, teacher and historian

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