

## **2008 Hawaii Distinguished School**

**‘Aina Haina Elementary School  
801 W. Hind Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96821**

With Jaguars as the school mascot, ‘Aina Haina Elementary School is fierce in its quest for high student achievement. Approximately 40 percent of its students attain a geographic exception to attend the school and commute from all parts of the island.

‘Aina Haina Elementary opened its classroom doors in 1951. Today, the school provides a learning community where new and emerging technologies are incorporated into school programs.

The elementary school ensures that every student is able to utilize the extensive technology resources and services the school has to offer. In the heart of the campus, sits the library and computer lab where students benefit from a technology-rich environment. There are multimedia computers in the classrooms, wired and wireless internet connectivity and an audio/visual auditorium on campus. Much of the technology equipment and infrastructure are results of community fundraising efforts.

The progress of ‘Aina Haina is a collaborative effort between the home, school and community. Through fundraising, the school is able to provide students exposure to the arts through art, music and dance classes. The administration believes that students benefit from a diverse curriculum and takes pride in their academic achievements.

The campus sits on land that was originally the site of Hind Dairy Farm and therefore the name ‘Aina Haina is Hawaiian for Hind’s Land.

‘Aina Haina Elementary School is located in the Kaiser complex in the Honolulu district, led by Principal Susan Okano.

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