

2008 Hawaii Distinguished School

**Holualoa Elementary School
76-5957 Mamalahoa Highway
Holualoa, HI 96725**

Holualoa Elementary, founded in 1897, has deep roots in Hawai'i's past. Customs and historical beliefs are the foundation of the curriculum at Holualoa Elementary. More than 30 percent of the student population are of part native Hawaiian ancestry and many other diverse ethnicities are represented at this campus. Holualoa Elementary's rich history with the community has contributed to the dedication that teachers, administrators, parents and students have towards education. Their commitment has enabled the school to be recognized for its academic excellence.

The elementary school, nestled on the slopes of Mount Hualalai, nurtures relationships among teachers, students and parents. The youth of Holualoa Elementary School have embraced the Hawaiian love of learning. Since opening its doors more than a century ago on the Big Island, Holualoa Elementary has kept the tradition of Hawai'i alive while exceeding educational standards.

In recent school surveys, a majority agree that communication between students and teachers is open and comfortable, thus allowing students and teachers to work together on challenging tasks. Standardized school test results exceed the state expectation by more than 10 percent in ALL areas of study.

Holualoa Elementary supports two programs in order to enhance the growth of its students. The Accelerated Reading Program and the Math Investigations program encourage students to step out of their comfort zone and think beyond the basics. A safe environment, which fosters care and respect for all individuals, makes it an ideal educational institution.

Holualoa Elementary School is located in the Kealakehe complex led by Principal Lauren O'Leary.

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