

Nānākuli Elementary School

Community Profile

Nānākuli Elementary School, founded in 1977, offers a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 elementary program with a Pre-Kindergarten Special Education program and a Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. The school educates students in the Hawaiian Homesteads of Nānākuli Valley and Princess Kahanu Estates. NES serves approximately 400 students and is classified as a Title I School wide Consolidated Program. The community of Nānākuli has a population of 12,114 residents of whom 27% are children between the ages of 5-19. The median age of the population is 29.4 years old. Approximately 5.4% of the community has completed a college program, while 23.8% have some college, 53% graduated high school, and about 17.5% lack a high school diploma. The Nānākuli community consists primarily of working-class families who live in multigenerational homes.

NES has partnerships with community programs and organizations such as the Wai‘anae Rotary Club (which donates dictionaries to the third grade), Hope Chapel Nānākuli (which donates new shoes and clothing for disadvantaged students), the Honolulu Fire Department (which provides safety guides and awards for artists in the annual billboard contest), and the Kroc Center which offers various after school sports programs like Scrabble and Violin. The Hawaiian Language Immersion Program receives support from organizations that seek to maintain and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture. Additional sources of support are the Kamehameha Schools that provide teaching assistants and a summer program. The Institute of Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE) along with Keiki Steps offers child care service for pre-K students and Kama‘āina Kids provides the A+ afterschool program for students with working families.