

HAWAI'I HIGH SCHOOL GUIDE

HEY
STUDENTS!



IT'S TIME TO LOCK IN, focus, and set yourself up for success! Here's some tips to help you take charge of your future!



Develop **successful study habits**, create a **high school plan**, and begin to identify a **postsecondary path**



Talk with your parents about what you would like to do after high school and identify supports that you can take advantage of while in high school.

ACADEMIC:

- Ask questions and learn about the existing resources to support your high school goals.
- Learn about the different courses and/or pathways offered at your school, clubs, sports, arts and other opportunities.
- Use a calendar or planner to keep track of all your assignments and their respective due dates.
- Create a time management plan to balance classes and extracurricular activities.

COLLEGE:

- Find out who is the college counselor at your school. Find out where the college and career center is located.
- Attend a college presentation at your school or an online presentation.
- Explore Early College classes offered at your school.
- Ask your counselor about college readiness programs and get involved.

CAREER:

- Take an interest survey or personality assessment, e.g., RIASEC, to find your passion.
- Start a brag sheet (list of all of your involvement and achievements, such as extracurriculars, jobs, summer programs, etc.).
- Ask family members about their jobs and careers.
- Apply for a summer job or volunteer with an organization in your community or with an online opportunity.



Start building good habits early! Develop a daily routine, set time for studying, and stay consistent. The habits you form now will make things much easier when classes get tougher later on."

Sean Ancheta, Class of 2023
Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary School



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Explore your **college and career options** and make decisions to achieve your **goals**

PRO TIP

Talk with your parents about potential careers. With your family, explore colleges and career job shadow opportunities.

ACADEMIC:

- Take a challenging class that aligns with your desired pathway, such as Early College, Dual Credit, AP, or other advanced courses.

COLLEGE:

- Meet with your college counselor to ask questions about college preparation.
- Attend an in-person or virtual college fair.
- Start taking the PSAT/NMSQT to practice for the SAT.
- Complete a financial literacy workshop.
- Start looking for common scholarship/college essay prompts or questions and begin brainstorming ideas of how to respond to those prompts.

CAREER:

- Use your brag sheet and an online resumé guide to draft your first resumé or refine yours if you already have one.
- Talk with people whose careers interest you and go on job shadowing or site visits if they are offered by your school.
- Continue your summer job or volunteer work or consider applying for an internship.

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Don't be afraid to ask questions!
You never know who may have the
same question as you.”

Charis Layugan, Class of 2025
Farrington High School



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Map out a **postsecondary path** and prepare to reach your **career goals**



Talk to your family about what you need to do to prepare for life after high school. As a family, attend a college and career event. Discuss how they can support you and your plans.

ACADEMIC:

- Continue to challenge yourself with advanced courses in areas of interest to you.

COLLEGE:

- Participate in college/career readiness activities such as financial aid information night, college fair, career fair and college presentations.

- Complete a draft of your personal statement. Ask your high school college counselor for guidance.

- Explore college websites and identify the estimated cost of attendance to help calculate how much financial aid you may be eligible to receive.

- Reach out to current college students from your high school or community and ask questions.

- Sign up for ACT or SAT and do a free online practice test.

- Refine your college list to include "safe," "match," and "reach" schools. Make a checklist of each school's admission requirements.

- Research and apply to summer programs on college campuses.

CAREER:

- Update your resumé and brag sheet.

- Talk with people whose careers interest you to find out the education required for each.



Utilize every resource available to you. Meet with your counselor, go to college and scholarship workshops, and visit college campuses. Start prepping your applications as early as possible. Most importantly, take advantage of Early College classes! They help your application stand out and give you a true feel for what college classes are actually like."

King James Mangoba, Class of 2023
Hilo High School

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Identify next steps to implement your **postsecondary plan** and **achieve your college and career goals**



Time to celebrate. It is your final year in high school. Talk with your family about final steps and what is needed to help your transition into adulthood.

ACADEMIC:

- Maintain strong grades in all of your high school classes.

COLLEGE:

- Finalize your college list. Make a checklist of each school's application deadlines.

- Create a list of teachers, coaches, employers and other community members from whom you can request a letter of recommendation.

- Complete the FAFSA, college applications and scholarship applications.
- Attend a line-by-line FAFSA completion workshop or email fafsa@hawaii.edu if you need help.

- Participate in a new student orientation and other summer programs at the college you plan to attend.

CAREER:

- Update your resumé and personal statement.
- Continue your summer employment and/or volunteer work.



I did a summer mentorship program the summer after I graduated. It was designed for graduating seniors, regardless of the post graduation plans. It was tailored towards what the student wanted to be mentored in, so for me we primarily focused on getting a job, resume building, and mock interviews. As for college, GEAR UP peer mentors helped me familiarize myself with Laulima and also connecting with others who previously/currently attended my college, they helped guide me through class registration, and helped me understand the difference in structure with college and high school."

Mariel Limos, Class of 2021
McKinley High School

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