

HISTORY

Kealakehe High opened its doors in August 1997, welcoming its first 9th grade class (class of 2001), with a student enrollment of 407 students. Currently, the enrollment hovers around 1,600 (9th-12th grade).

The school is in the district of Kona on the island of Hawai'i and is built on 50 acres of land located in the Kealakehe "ahupua'a". The "ahupua'a" is an ancient Hawaiian land division system which contained strips of land that extended from the mountain to the sea.

Located in West Hawaii, Kealakehe serves a geographic district approximately 40 miles wide, encompassing the communities of Kailua-Kona, Holualoa, Waikoloa, and Puako and is the largest geographic school district in the state. Five schools, including Kealakehe High, Kealakehe Intermediate, Kealakehe Elementary, Holualoa Elementary, and Kahakai Elementary, form the membership of the West Hawai'i Area Complex. There is a "superintendent" who oversees this complex with each school having a Principal. Mr. Wilfred Murakami, Principal, has been at Kealakehe since its doors opened in 1997.