



Kwajalein Senior High School

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PROFILE 2007-2008

School and Community - Kwajalein High School is located on a secure Army installation dedicated to supporting the missions of the US Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) on Kwajalein Island in the Marshall Islands. The school is a private institution operated by Kwajalein Range Services (KRS), a logistics and engineering support contractor with the SMDC. The school is accredited by the North Central Association (NCA). Curriculum is designed to equip students to become life-long learners, effective problem-solvers, responsible citizens, and caring contributors to humankind.

Approximately 150 students are enrolled in grades 7-12. Most are dependents of U.S civilian and U.S. military personnel working on the island. Many private companies and government entities participate in supporting school operations including: MIT/Lincoln Laboratory, KRS, Boeing, NASA, and the U.S Army. Most parents have professional and technical backgrounds.

Academic Program - The four-year college-preparatory curriculum requires the following course minimums for graduation: English - 4 credits, Social Studies - 4 credits, Mathematics - 2 credits, Laboratory Science - 2 credits, Computer Science - ½ credit, Health/Physical Education - 2 credits, and Electives - 9½ credits. Most students exceed the 24-credit graduation requirement. There are seven 47-minute class periods per day with 180 days in the school calendar.

Advanced Placement courses are offered in Calculus, English Literature and Computer Science.

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Grading - Kwajalein High School uses a non-weighted 4.0 grading scale. A grade of A+ or A equals 4.0, a B equals 3.0, and so forth. The lowest passing percentage is 60%. All completed courses, where a letter grade of A through F is given, are used in computing a student's GPA. The school is on a semester system with the first semester ending in January and the second semester ending the first week of June.

Faculty - The staff is composed of a full-time principal and counselor, and the equivalent of 20 full-time teachers, and 1 Special Education teacher. The student-teacher ratio is approximately 10-1. Most of the full-time faculty members have Master's Degrees.

College Placement - In the fall of 2007, 80% of Kwajalein High School's 2007 graduates entered a four-year university or college, with the remainder of graduates entering a Technical or Community College system. In the recent past, our graduates have been accepted at Stanford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pepperdine University, the University of Michigan, Texas A & M, University of San Diego, Purdue, Union College, the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin - Madison, the University of Texas - Austin, Notre Dame University, St. John's University, the Universities of California at San Diego, Santa Barbara, Irvine and Berkeley; New England College, the US Air Force Academy, Carnegie Mellon University, Williams College, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Harvey Mudd College, Drew University, Webb Institute, the University of Colorado at Boulder, Chapman University, Claremont-McKenna College, and Drexel University.

Extra Curricular Opportunities - Concert Choir, School Band, School Newspaper, Yearbook, National Honor Society (NHS), and the Student Government Association (SGA) are some of the school sponsored activities offered at Kwajalein High School. The Marshall Islands Club is also an effective student organization that works to bridge relationships between Kwajalein School students and the Marshallese citizens of the neighboring island of Ebeye.

In general, our students are well traveled. The staff and students take pride in being globally aware and experienced in other cultures. The particular requirements of remote island living have prepared Kwajalein students to be self-reliant.

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