

Kwajalein Junior Senior High School

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Kwajalein High School is located on Kwajalein island in the Marshall Islands. U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll executes base support operations, through the BOS contractor, supporting the strategically important Ronald Reagan Test Site (RTS). Additionally, USAG-KA supports the U.S. Embassy advancing the relationship with the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The school is a private institution with current enrollment at 108 students. The school is operated by DynCorp International (DI), a logistics and engineering support contractor. The class of 2021 contains twenty-one students including native Marshallese students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands along with American students.

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021



Island Community

Kwajalein island is in the central Pacific and is part of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Most of the island residents are US citizens. Kwajalein is the only US military installation that offers host nation education for children in the US school on the base. Kwajalein also offers many employment opportunities for the native Marshallese community that live on the neighboring island of Ebeye making up over 60% of the workforce. Daily, the island is a thriving community of US and Marshallese workers and students.

College Placement

In recent years our graduates have been accepted at Stanford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rice, Clemson, Harvard, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Cal Tech, Vanderbilt, McGill, DePaul, Northwestern, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Vassar, University of Denver, St. Olaf College, Wentworth, Pepperdine, Penn State, Gonzaga, the University of Michigan, Texas A & M, Virginia Tech, Purdue, Auburn, the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin - Madison, the University of Texas - Austin, Notre Dame University, St. John's University, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Irvine and Berkeley; the US Air Force Academy, the US Coast Guard Academy, Carnegie Mellon University, Harvey Mudd College, Drew University, the University of Colorado at Boulder, Chapman University, Claremont-McKenna College, Drexel University, and the US Naval Academy.

Class Rank

Kwajalein High School does not report class rank on student transcripts. Graduating classes are typically 20 students or less. Class rank will be provided, by student and/or parent request, in a letter format but will not be printed on the signed and sealed transcript.

School Community

Approximately 108 students are enrolled in grades 7-12. Most are dependents of U.S. civilian and U.S. military personnel working on the island. There is no need for free/reduced lunch at the school. All students living on Kwajalein go home for lunch, while the Marshallese students from Ebeye are provided a lunch paid for by the RMI government.

All students are required to complete school service hours for their class. Each grade level is assigned class hours according to age.

Many private companies and government entities participate in supporting/enhancing school operations including: MIT/Lincoln Laboratory, DynCorp International, Boeing, NASA, Space Fence, RGNNext, NETCOM, and the U.S Army. Most parents have professional and technical backgrounds.

STUDENT POPULATION



Class of 2020 Enrollment	21
Total Enrollment for 2020-2021	108
Graduation Rate	100%
Average Daily Attendance	99%
Multi-ethnic	22%
Marshallese	36%
Male	55
Female	53

Faculty

The staff consists of a full-time principal and school counselor and the equivalent of 20 full-time teachers. The classroom student-teacher ratio is approximately 10:1. All full-time faculty members have Master's Degrees.



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Curriculum

Six AP classes are offered to students. AP Language and Composition, AP Chemistry, AP Statistics, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, and AP European History. All students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the final AP exam. On average, 92% of AP students score a 3 or higher on AP exams. In 2020, 90% of the students eligible to take an AP class are enrolled in AP classes.

Many of the classes offered at Kwajalein High School often have guest speakers from the Missile Defense Program, MIT/Lincoln Laboratory, and NASA. Classes have the unique opportunities to tour most US military marine vessels that arrive into port during their deployment in the Pacific. Classes often snorkel the most pristine waters of the Pacific on a daily basis for classroom lesson enhancement.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

- School Band
- Stage Band
- Yearbook
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Athletics (soccer, volleyball, basketball, water polo, softball)
- Spartan Espresso (student run coffee shop)
- Muffin Crew
- Jimjera
- Scuba Club
- Coral Crew
- Student Government Association (SGA)

The Jimjera Club, a service based organization, is a girls' mentoring program that works to bridge relationships between Kwajalein School students and the Marshallese citizens on the neighboring island of Ebeye as well as provide service to the island of Kwajalein and the community.

Kwajalein Marine Science students coordinated to have the Discovery Channel come to Kwajalein to recognize the Marshall Islands as a shark sanctuary. Marine Science students are also founding members of the Pacific Research Organization to study coral bleaching and pollution in the Marshall Islands. <https://www.pacresearch.org/>

Advanced Placement Courses (weighted):
A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=1
All other courses (unweighted):
A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=1

Honor Roll:
4.0 GPA/No grade below a "D"
Based on Quarter Grades



Student Accomplishments

- Two Kwajalein Junior Senior High School students have represented the Marshall Islands in the Olympics for swimming.
- Many students have participated in the Micronesian Games for swimming.
- One student won the Boys and Girls Club of America Overseas Military Youth of the year 2020.
- One student was a part of the sixteen children that make up the Children vs. Climate Change movement that petitioned the United Nations committee in New York in 2019.
- One student is a RMI Red Cross 2019 Y-ADAPT delegate. He attended the first ever North Pacific Leadership Super camp for Red Cross youth leaders joining with 50 other participants from Micronesia Red Cross and four from Palau Red Cross.
- Students have been featured in the ACIS Exceptional Educational Journeys magazine from their bi-annual language immersion trips to France and Spain with the French and Spanish teachers.
- Each year, a student is featured in the Blade magazine for "Bladesmith of the Year" recognition.
- Fourteen students successfully participated in the first MIT Beaver Works Summer Institute.

4-Yr. Graduation Rate-100%
2021 graduates (21 students)
4 year college = 15
Military Academy = 1
Military = 4
Trade School = 1

2021 Graduation Requirements	
To graduate, a student must earn a minimum of 24.0 credits and successfully meet the following requirements:	
Credits	
English	4.0
Mathematics	2.0
Science	2.0
Social Studies	
US History	2.0
World History	1.0
Civics	.5
Economics	.5
Physical Education/Health	1.5/.5
Computers	.5

GRADING SCALE			
98 – 100 %	= A+	73 – 76.9%	= C
93 – 97.9 %	= A	70 – 72.9%	= C-
90 – 92.9%	= A-	67 – 69.9%	= D+
87 – 89.9 %	= B+	63 – 66.9%	= D
83 – 86.9 %	= B	60 – 62.9%	= D-
80 – 82.9%	= B-	0 – 59.9%	= F
77 – 79.9%	= C+		

AP grades on transcripts are weighted. AP courses receive five (5) points in computing the cumulative weighted average.