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## **Hawaii Technology Academy's Kauai Campus Moves to A New Location to Accommodate Enrollment and Program Growth**

Lihue, Kauai -- On Monday, March 25, 2019, [Hawaii Technology Academy](http://www.hta.org), the state's largest tuition-free, K-12 public charter school, has moved its location on Kauai from Kauai Community College to its own space in Lihue at 4370 Kukui Grove Street, Suites 103 and 112. Students are on campus Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m - 2 p.m. Friday schedules vary depending on students' extracurricular programs. The new space is an important part of HTA's effort to improve school culture, strengthen the school community, and increase student voice within the Lihue Campus.

Since 2015, HTA Kauai had been using space at Kauai Community College, which served as meaningful partnership that lend to valuable opportunities for students, such as taking college-level courses at the college. As HTA Kauai experienced growth in student numbers and program offerings, it was necessary to establish a space of its own to accommodate the academic and co-curricular needs of students. Remaining within a central location was critical to the search, so students across the island can continue to have the opportunity to attend the school. Being located in the middle of a professional building also provides a natural opportunity for student internships.

"Now that we have our own space, our science teachers are looking forward to creating labs and investigations that extend across several class periods," says Traci Sullivan, Director of HTA Kauai. "Our math and social studies teachers are excited about having a place to showcase student work, and our English classes are writing grants for educational equipment and science supplies."

HTA provides middle and high school students on Kauai with an additional school choice. Its innovative blended learning model of face-to-face, virtual instruction, and experiential learning provides students with some flexibility in their schedules. This flexible approach empowers students to participate in interest-based extracurricular activities, and it also allows them to pursue internships and community service that applies what they learn in the classroom in an authentic way.

Classes are organized into block scheduling for deeper learning, and the school's focus on the core values of communications, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and character, provide students with the opportunity to practice essential life skills. Students who graduate from HTA have completed a curriculum that meets or exceeds the state of Hawaii's graduation requirements.

“Our students and teachers are happy at school,” says Sullivan. “Students are kind to each other. We aren't perfect, but we are willing to take risks and try new things.”

HTA has a total for four campus locations statewide: Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii Island. For more information on the HTA Kauai, visit <https://hi.myhta.org/hta-kauai.html>

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