



CATHOLIC VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

at Saint Michael School, Waialua, Hawai'i





**“EVER SINCE I WENT TO THIS HIGH
SCHOOL, IT’S BEEN AMAZING.
I’VE HAD THE BEST GRADES I’VE EVER
HAD SINCE COMING TO THIS SCHOOL.”**

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Class of 2024



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Mission Statement

WE, THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL, INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN PROCLAIMING JESUS CHRIST AND IN BUILDING GOD’S KINGDOM. WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO A TRUE EDUCATION WHICH SEEKS THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL: SPIRITUALLY, INTELLECTUALLY, SOCIALLY, MORALLY, AND PHYSICALLY.



- BACKGROUND -

Since 1944, Saint Michael School in Waialua has provided an academically rich and authentically faithful Catholic education for students in the North Shore and surrounding communities.

St. Michael School has become known for its forward-thinking vision which includes the expansion of integrated technologies in instructional methodologies while fostering a vibrant and prayerful Catholic culture on campus. In an environment where many Catholic schools struggle to remain open, St. Michael School's ambition and innovative leadership were able to expand and open a unique high school option originally for students on the North Shore of Oahu.

However, during its inceptual year, the high school program welcomed its first students from a mix of backgrounds beyond the North Shore area. Less than a dozen students from Catholic schools, home schooling, and other educational backgrounds joined together to form the first-ever St. Michael School High School through *Catholic Virtual*. They lived in places encompassing different parts of the island including Waialua, Haleiwa, Kahuku, Pupukea, Wahiawa, Ewa, Waianae, and Honolulu. And they were enrolled in every grade from freshmen to senior.

As the high school program looks forward to its second school year, there is already anticipated growth in enrollment and particularly more opportunities for students opening up as restrictions from the pandemic are projected to ease over the coming year.



- OVERVIEW -

Catholic Virtual, a program of *Virtual Schools of Excellence*, is an educational organization with college-board approved classes offered through a comprehensive “e-learning” online environment.

Catholic Virtual is a virtual college preparatory school that provides students with a highly engaging, academically rigorous program of study designed to challenge each student to achieve the highest academic standards possible. It is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), the regional accrediting agencies that span the AdvancedED global network of over 32,000 schools and systems in more than 70 countries. Students that have gone through the *Catholic Virtual* program have a 99% graduation rate.

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RATE

Catholic Virtual has partnered with schools around the country and the world to provide a Catholic education especially in locations with limited resources. So the integration of *Catholic Virtual* into an already existing school like ours is relatively seamless. St. Michael School will be providing a blended classroom, or learning center, for high school students and equip the students with the necessary technology to engage the *Catholic Virtual* platform.

The classes are completely web-based and consist of a combination of teacher-directed independent study and once a week live webinars. All school work would be submitted and assessed through the *Catholic Virtual* learning management system, *Maestro*. Through the *Maestro* platform, students would be expected to spend an average of 30 hours per week on coursework, be held accountable for their progress and grades, work independently, and be responsible for logging in daily. They will also participate in live lessons, socratic webinars online, chat sessions, tutoring, other interactive activities, communicate with teachers and academic success coaches on a regular basis, and enjoy peer-to-peer collaboration activities and projects.



- BENEFITS -

Providing...

A VERSATILE HIGH SCHOOL OPTION

Catholic Virtual at St. Michael School is a fully accredited secondary school for families in the North Shore and beyond that allows students the benefit of learning in a unique Catholic educational environment through St. Michael School.

Additionally, with on-campus or virtual learning options, students do not need to commute hours each day just to attend school. As long as a student has access to an internet connection, they are able to continue their studies. Students are also allowed to progress at their own pace, which allows higher-level learners to advance quicker with the possibility of graduating sooner and earning college credits earlier.

A CATHOLIC CAMPUS

The weekly schedule allows high school students to participate in other campus activities, such as our weekly Masses and extracurricular activities, while still having ample time to complete their courses of study. A possible mentorship program between the high school program and the existing Preschool-Grade 8 program would also foster a greater sense of community, service, and responsibility.

A BUDGET-FRIENDLY OPTION

The exorbitant costs of private high school education in Hawaii is often far beyond the financial ability of many of our local families. *Catholic Virtual* at St. Michael School offers a high-quality high school program at a fraction of the price of other private high school tuition and fees. The school also offers limited financial aid to qualifying families as well as various payment plans.

- TUITION & ADMISSIONS -

Tuition Options:

FULL-TIME:

(4-5 days on-campus)

\$11,950

PART-TIME:

(1-3 days on-campus)

\$9,950

ONLINE:

(off-campus)*

\$6,950

**with the extended option to participate in school functions, liturgical services, and other projects*

Admission Details:

- **APPLICATION FEE: \$50**
Applications and fees to be submitted online through TADS. Priority deadline by May 15th.
- **COMPREHENSIVE (ENROLLMENT) FEE: \$350**
Submitted through TADS after acceptance. Non-refundable. Due by June 30th.
- **TUITION DEPOSIT: \$650**
Paid with Comprehensive Fee through TADS. Applied to tuition amount. Due by June 30th.
Refundable if disenrolled before July 31st.
- Limited financial aid may be available. Complete the Financial Aid application through TADS by the priority deadline of April 30th.
- **Tuition referral credits apply.** Referring family must complete the *Tuition Referral Credit Form*.
- **NOTE:** Other discounts (family, military/first responders, parishioner) only apply to siblings in Preschool-Grade 8.

Deadline to Apply:

May 15, 2021

(Acceptance letters to be sent out on a rolling basis.)

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