

OUR APPROACH 6Cs

Mālama Learning Center works to build the community's understanding and skills to address challenges and create a more sustainable Hawai'i through 'āina-based education programs that are grounded in these "6 Cs":

- **Caring** - Learn to take care of others, ourselves, and the environment, promoting healthy and nurturing lifestyles.
- **Conservation** - Help West O'ahu become a model for community-led conservation of our precious natural and cultural resources, operating with a minimal footprint and building a sustainable community for generations to come.
- **Community** - Draw from native Hawaiian traditions and diverse cultural values to build a growing and vibrant West O'ahu community.
- **Creative Learning** - Enrich the learning environment for people of all ages, cultivating a place-based living laboratory using innovative approaches that nurture the gifts of each person.
- **Careers** - Open minds and doors to Green careers that have a net benefit on the environment as well as provide economic and social sustainability for Hawaii's families.
- **Collaboration** - Actively engage current and new partners to accomplish shared goals for conservation, culture, and education and to inspire community dreams of a sustainable Hawai'i.

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Mālama Learning Center

Inspiring communities to care for Hawai'i by perpetuating conservation, culture, and sustainability through education



Mālama Learning Center provides hands-on, place-based, and 'āina-based education for students, teachers, and community members. We offer diverse multi-year, real-life experiences that deepen relationships and change lives as well as the environment around us. We are located in Kapolei, offering services primarily to communities from Waipahu to Wai'anae.

Mālama in Action!



Core Programs

Ola Nā Kini - Native and edible forest regeneration program that heals the land, ocean, and multitude of life through engagement and education
- Provides stewardship activities at Leeward O'ahu sites with students, teachers, and community volunteers

Hawai'i Green Collar Institute - Short-term courses for students and teachers to provide green collar career experiences and professional development for teachers

Mālama 'Āina Field School - Immersive summer program for Wai'anae Coast students from grades 8-10

Wai Huihia - Kumu (teacher) network for 'Āina and Place-based Learning

WOW - Without Walls - Hands-on workshops on everyday sustainability practices for the community

"This [course] has changed my mindset about teaching practice and content knowledge. This one thought - that we should bring in our community as the experts, unlocked a lot of the potential for me." – Teacher participant from 'Ewa

"This was literally the best thing ever. It was a little tiring, but I built a connection with my community." – Student participant from Kapolei

"I have changed because I have become more emotionally and spiritually connected to the land, my home." – Student participant from Wai'anae



Outside Hawai'i TV - Monthly television show on Spectrum OC16 telling uplifting stories about environment, conservation, and cultures of Hawai'i and the Pacific



Partnerships

Mālama Hawai'i – a founding partner of Mālama Learning Center promoting an ethic and a way of life to care for Hawai'i @malama_hi

Camp Pālehua - an education partner where environmental education has a home @camppalehua