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About Our School

Principal | Sharon Beck
Grades | K-12
808-313-4100
khpes.org

536 students enrolled

- 18% of students are English learners
- -- of students are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch
- 11% of students receive special education services
- 58% of special education students are in general education classes most of the day

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- of 9th graders are promoted to 10th grade on-time | 24% of students enrolled in postsecondary institutions the fall after graduation

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High Needs: English learners, economically disadvantaged, and students receiving special education services. Non-High Needs: All other students.

Language Arts | Math
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Non-High Needs High Needs

Achievement gap: 9 points
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9% of students learning English are on-track to English language proficiency

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