



# Key West High School

## PROFILE 2024

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### Community Facts

The Monroe County School District serves the educational needs of its unique communities that span some 3,737 square miles of from Key West to Ocean Reef, an island chain known as the Florida Keys.

Located in one of the state's most unique geographical and ecological areas, the district enjoys an economic base that centers on tourism. Currently, the district consists of five high schools, three middle schools, and 11 elementary schools utilizing a mix of K-5, K-8, and 9-12 grade level configurations.

Along with a diverse population, there is also a rich history of island traditions centered round the schools.

### Career & Technical Education

The following Career & Technical Education (CTE) Programs can result in multiple certifications:

Informational Technology  
Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS)  
Web Design  
Adobe Suite  
Auto-desk Inventor  
Television Productions  
*Adobe Suite for motion pictures*  
Culinary Arts  
*Safe Serve Accreditation*  
Health Careers  
*Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)*  
Agriculture  
*Certified Horticultural Professional*  
Fire Academy  
Automotive Mechanics  
Fashion Design  
Cosmetology

### High School Facts

Key West High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling over 1200 students in grades 9-12. Established in 1906, Key West High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a Grade A, Five-Star School. There are seven 55-minute class periods in a full school day.

A total of **24** credits resulting in a minimum 2.0 GPA are **required for graduation** including:

4 English	4 Math	3 Science
3 Social Studies	1 Practical or Fine Art	1 HOPE course
7.5 Electives	½ Credit of Personal Finance	

**In addition**, a student must pass:

■The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) English Language Arts Grade 10 and The End of Course (EOC) Exam in Algebra 1. 4

### Grading Scale

Cumulative grade point average (GPA) is based on semester averages with a 4-point A scale for Level One and Two courses, a 4.5-point scale for Level 3 and Honors courses, and a 5.0-point scale for Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses.

90-100= **A**      80-89= **B**      70-79= **C**      60-69= **D**      59-0= **F**

### Rigorous Academic Offerings

The following **A.P., Honors** and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>-year World Language courses are offered:

A.P. Music Theory	A.P. Human Geography	A.P. Biology
A.P. Calculus AB	A.P. Spanish	A.P. French
A.P. Chemistry	A.P. Physics	A.P. U.S. History
A.P. World History	A.P. Psychology	A.P. Macroeconomics
A.P. Lit. & Comp.	A.P. History	A.P. 2D Art & Design
A.P. Drawing	A.P. 3D Art & Design	A.P. Enviro. Science
A.P. Capstone Seminar	A.P. Capstone Research	A.P. Lang. & Comp.
A.P. Spanish Lang. & Culture	A.P. US Government & Politics	
A.P. Computer Science	A.P. Computer Science Principles	

Honors English 9, 10, 11, 12	Honors World History	Honors US History
Honors Government	Honors Earth Space	Honors Algebra
Honors Biology	Honors Geometry	Honors Chemistry
Honors Algebra 2	Honors Pre-Calculus	
Honors Anatomy & Physiology	Honors Economics	
Honors Probability/Statistics	French III, IV	Spanish III, IV

## Student Support Programs

A variety of academic support systems are offered to students including an after-school enrichment and tutoring program, Thursday Writing Lab, extended lunch for tutorial sessions, six computer labs on campus, and A.P. Saturday Sessions through our NMSI partnership for Math, Science, and English.

For additional student support, we boast a school-wide character education program, an 8-month transition program for all 9th grade students including peer mentorship, and a strong partnership with mentoring programs provided through Keys to Be the Change and Take Stock in Children. We have a life skills counselor, military family counselor, CINS counselor, ELL Parent Liaison, and Take Stock in Children Coordinator on campus. We also have a Parent Resource Center in the office.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

There is a wealth of extra-curricular activities available to students including:

- Performing Arts:
  - Band,
  - Choir, Color Guard,
  - Conchettes,
  - Cheerleaders
- 32 Athletic Teams
- 36 Clubs including:
  - 8 Nationally Affiliated
  - 6 Academic
  - 20 Special Interest

## College & Post-Secondary Plans

### Class of 2023

Graduated: 309 students

Highest GPA: 4.698 (weighted)

**35% (90) will attend a University** (4-year institution)

**45% (118) will attend Community or State College** (2 year)

**4% (10) will attend a Vocational Training School** (1 year)

**6% (13) joined the Military** or chose an alternative plan

**In total, 84% of all graduates will continue their education!**

*(Based on Exit Surveys of 252 respondents)*

## Standardized Test Data (2022)

### ACT (167 Students)

Key West "Top 10" Composite: 29  
Overall Key West Composite: 19.6  
Florida Mean: 19.9  
National Mean: 20.8

### SAT (156 Students)

Key West (Overall): ERW Reading & Writing: 535 /Math: 518  
Key West Composite Mean: 1053  
Florida Mean: ERW Reading & Writing: 497 /Math: 485  
National Mean: ERW Reading & Writing: 494 /Math: 508

## Advanced Placement (AP) Results (2022)

365 students enrolled in AP courses.

614 AP tests administered.

60% of total AP students scored 3 or better.

## Determination of Valedictorian and Salutatorian

- ❖ A scholastic grade point average based on semester final grades shall be calculated at the end of each academic year for each student in grades 9 through 12 based on the district's grade weighting policy.
- ❖ High school core courses taken at the middle school will be included in the Valedictorian/Salutatorian calculation. HOPE is NOT included in this calculation.
- ❖ Grades transferred from other accredited public schools were earned in courses coded as "high school" in the Florida Department of Education's Course Code Directory.

- ❖ Dual Enrollment “DE” courses in the core course areas (as per the Course Code equivalency list) which include the following: Math, English, Science, History/Social Studies, (as required for graduation), and World Language in the core course areas shall be included in calculating the Valedictorian/Salutatorian GPA.
- ❖ Grades earned by a student while enrolled in home education courses shall not be used in calculating Valedictorian/Salutatorian.

## **Achievements**

- The Key West National Honor Society consisted of 29 members of the Class of 2023.
- 25% of students going to college from the Class of 2023 were eligible to receive a Bright Futures Scholarship.
- Excellent relationship between Key West High School and Take Stock in Children, as well as The College of the Florida Keys, resulting in over \$1 million in scholarships.
- Estimated grand total of community, school, military, and other scholarship dollars offered to the class of 2023: \$4.02 million.

## **College Acceptances of the Class of 2022**

American University  
 Auburn University  
 Ave Maria University  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Bethune-Cookman University  
 Boston College  
 Bowden University  
 College of Central Florida  
 Cornell University  
 Daytona State College  
 Embry-Riddle University  
 Emerson College  
 Emory University  
 Flagler College  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Florida International University  
 College of the Florida Keys  
 Florida Southern College  
 Florida Southwestern State College  
 Florida State University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Georgetown University  
 Indian River State College  
 Jacksonville University  
 Keiser University  
 Louisiana State University  
 Montana State University  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 Quincy University  
 Rice University  
 Rollins College  
 Santa Fe College

Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)  
 Southeastern University  
 Stetson University  
 Tallahassee Community College  
 Texas A&M  
 Tufts University  
 Tulsa Welding  
 North Carolina Central University  
 Ocala Fire College  
 Pasco-Hernando State College  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Union College  
 United States Coast Guard Academy  
 United States Naval Academy  
 United States Military Academy at Westpoint  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Florida  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Louisiana  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of North Florida  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of South Florida  
 University of California at Los Angeles  
 USF—St. Petersburg  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Tennessee  
 University of Texas  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
 Valencia State College  
 Williamette University