What is p4c Hawai‘i?

p4c Hawai‘i is an innovative approach to education that is transforming the schooling experience by engaging people in the activity of philosophy.

p4c Hawai‘i aids students and teachers in converting traditional classrooms into intellectually safe communities of inquiry. Together, they develop their ability to think for themselves in responsible ways by exploring meaningful questions that arise from their interests, experiences, and learning contexts.

The Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education

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Who We Are

The UH Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education is the home of philosophy for children Hawai‘i. Located in The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s College of Arts & Humanities, the UH Uehiro Academy supports research and education related to the preparation, support and sustaining of educators, researchers and students who are developing intellectually safe communities of philosophical inquiry in their classrooms and schools. The UH Uehiro Academy serves students and teachers from Hawai‘i, Japan, and numerous other national and international locations.

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Model Schools. The UH Uehiro Academy has a strong partnership with three “model” schools where there is a school wide commitment to practicing a p4c Hawai‘i approach to education. They are:

- Waikiki Elementary School
- Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School
- Kailua High School

What We Do

K-12 Schools. We work with many students and teachers to help to create a more thoughtful, compassionate, and ethical educational experience.

Higher Education. We teach courses at the University to enhance understanding of the p4c Hawai‘i approach to education.

International Exchanges. We host and participate in international exchanges among educators and researchers, with a special focus on Japan-Hawai‘i connections.

Research & Curriculum. We develop curriculum and support p4c Hawai‘i research and researchers.

Community. We maintain partnerships with a number of organizations and develop innovative ways to implement the p4c Hawai‘i approach to education.