



County of Hawai'i  
SISTER CITIES

# V-PAL

Virtual Partners in  
Acquisition of Language





## About The Program

**V-PAL** is a school-to-school language exchange program between Hawai'i County and Hawai'i County Sister City schools in Japan, Philippines, Korea and Chile.

Designed for middle and high school students, the program aims to provide participants with opportunities to learn a new language or practice talking with native speakers of the language they are learning in a relaxed, informal, and supportive environment. It is also an opportunity to make new friends from abroad and learn about each country's culture.

This online program is non-academic, and participation is voluntary. Participants meet once a month and discussion topics are decided by the students themselves. Teachers and other volunteers help facilitate the discussion.

The **V-PAL** program is committed to providing a safe, productive, welcoming environment for all participants. All participants including students, teachers, facilitators and all others are expected to abide by this Virtual Programs Code of Conduct.

- **V-PAL** participants are responsible for good behavior throughout the program. Always use a computer in a way that shows consideration and respect. It is not acceptable to use obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language.
- **V-PAL** participants must demonstrate awareness of, sensitivity to, and respect for other participants values, beliefs, viewpoints, systems, and culture.
- **V-PAL** participants must follow all other virtual learning student code of conduct from their respective schools.

