

Chadwick Kamei is the Director of Bands, Fine Arts Department Head, and Learning Center Coordinator at Pearl City High School in Pearl City, Hawaii. He joined the staff in 2005 and was appointed to Director of Bands in 2006. His duties include supervising all aspects of the band program as well as conducting the Symphonic Winds and the Concert Band. Each year, as the Learning Center Coordinator, Mr. Kamei organizes the Oahu Marching Band Festival, the Uta Matsuri (Japanese Song Festival), the Pearl City Complex Festival, and the Hawaii Wind Band Festivals (Middle and High School).

Under his direction, the Pearl City Marching Band has received numerous awards in Oahu's annual competitions and festivals. In 2018 they performed at the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, PA after being selected through a rigorous screening process. The marching band has also traveled internationally under Mr. Kamei's direction. Past appearances includes Beijing, China (2007) and London, England (2011).

Known as one of the premier concert programs in Hawaii, the Pearl City High School Symphonic Winds consistently achieves Division 1 ratings at the annual OBDA Parade of Bands. The Symphonic Winds also travels regularly and has performed at the 28th (2016) and 21st (2009) Hamamatsu Festival in Hamamatsu, Japan. Domestically, the band has performed in a joint concert with the Troy University Symphony Band in Troy, Alabama (2013) to celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. John M. Long.

In 2014, Mr. Kamei founded the University of Hawaii West Oahu University Band. He is on faculty as a lecturer and band director. The University Band is comprised of students from the university, community members, and high school students in the pre-college Running Start program. Currently in its eighth year, the band continues to expand its membership and repertoire.

Mr. Kamei received his Bachelors of Education in Music and his Masters in Arts in Music Education from the University of Hawaii. He is currently pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Education from Boston University.

Mr. Kamei was elected as a High School Representative for the National Band Association 2018-2022 (two terms). He is also holds memberships in the American School Band Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, National Band Association, Hawai'i Music Educators Association, and the Oahu Band Directors Association. Mr. Kamei is a Legion Laureate of the John Philip Sousa Legion of Honor and in 2016 was elected to membership in the prestigious American Bandmasters Association, considered to be one of the highest honors given in the wind band profession.