



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

KAPĀLAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Course Summary for 7th Grade Elective Courses School Year 2014-2015

Overview

Students will experience two (2) different elective courses, one per semester, during their 7th grade year. One (1) course will be from Languages and one (1) will be from Performing Arts. In each semester, students enrolled in a Language class will be exposed to a basic introduction of the target language and culture. In one semester, students enrolled in a Performing Arts class will be exposed to basic fundamentals relevant to the course.

Course Goals

Elective classes are intended to encourage students to discover an area of interest, develop or refine skills, and explore possibilities for future course selection.

Languages

Students enrolled in Hawaiian, Japanese, or Spanish courses will learn basic language skills – reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Cultural connections through a review of history, crafts, songs, and dances may be explored as well. The goal of each Language course is to prepare a self-introductory speech in the target language.

Performing Arts

Students enrolled in Band, Choral Music, Hawaiian Chant & Dance, or Orchestra will be able to gain a variety of skills and develop a meaningful, lifelong appreciation for the arts. The goal of each Performing Arts course is to prepare and execute at least one performance piece.

Course Materials

Each course will have specific course materials that will be required by the teacher each quarter.

Student Responsibilities

- Follow “Ke Ala Pono” guidelines. Adhere to rules as stated in the Student Handbook.
- Attend class daily.
- All required work should be neat, complete, and turned in on time.
- Bring readmits for absences, tardy slips, or notes as required.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in the classroom except during food-related activities.
- Cheating, copying of another person's work, and plagiarizing will result in immediate disciplinary action.
- Study and review daily at home, even when there is no newly assigned homework.

Grading Procedures

*subject to change with notification to students and parents

Components of Grades:

Achievement (A,B,C,D,F) grades are given.

Grading Scale:

The following scale will be applied to determine quarter grades:

A+	=	97 - 100%
A	=	93 - 96%
A-	=	90 - 92%
B+	=	87 - 89%
B	=	83 - 86%
B-	=	80 - 82%
C+	=	77 - 79%
C	=	73 - 76%
C-	=	70 - 72%
D+	=	67 - 69%
D	=	63 - 66%
D-	=	60 - 62%
F	=	59% and below

Grades are weighted by category:

Participation	(25%)
Assignments and Assessments	(50%)
Final Presentation	(25%)

If you want to find out your current grade:

Students and parents may find out their current grades by checking KSCconnect or by asking the teacher at a convenient time.

Policy on Missing Work:

Missing work will be inputted as "mi" into the grade book and have a value of "0" until turned in. All missing work not turned in by the late work deadline stated below will remain a "0". There will be no opportunity to re-take an assessment in these courses.

Study Help:

Study help is available upon request. Students are encouraged to seek help, especially when having difficulty.

"Extra credit" Information:

Extra credit opportunities are NOT offered in these courses.

Please detach this page and return by August 22, 2014.

I have read and fully understand the contents of the Course Summary for 7th Grade Elective Courses.

Student Name (Print)

Section Number

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date