

Elective Course Descriptions and Survey of Interest ~ Incoming 9th Grade Students

Student Name: *(Last Name, First Name)* _____

Directions: *Read through the descriptions below, and then list your top5 interests, with 1 being your strongest preference. We do not guarantee that any of these electives will fit into your schedule as much depends on course and teacher availability, but we do try to accommodate as best as we can. Keep in mind that there is room for only 1 student elective choice in freshmen year and there is more choice in sophomore, junior and senior years.*

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ID #	Elective (1/2 credit)	Description	Prerequisites
161	Creative Writing	This course encourages written expression based on the student's experiences and interests. Emphasis is placed on writing as an end in itself.	
162	Literature Through Films	This course focuses on the accomplishments of the movie industry in bringing great literature to life. Emphasis will be placed on literary analysis of award winning films.	
167	Journalism / Publications	A new course offering students the opportunity to build strong writing and critical thinking skills through hands-on reporting, visiting professional journalists, field trips, photojournalism training and learning new computer programs. Students will routinely get their work published in school publications.	
260	Geography	Survey of the geographic features of the world, emphasizing the relationship between environment and cultural diversity over time.	
268	Intro to Philosophy	Great Ideas of the World and You.	
269	Intro to Law	The Law and You: a brief look at federal, state, and local law, and how it affects you.	
513 515	<i>Conversational:</i> • Hawaiian • Spanish	These conversation courses are designed for freshman as an introduction to a new language. Students learn useful, basic expressions in the target language.	No previous experience in the language required.
621	Exploratory Art	Provides student the drawing skills needed not only to draw successfully, but also as a point of entry into other media.	Creativity
641	Guitar I	Beginning Acoustic guitar is an introductory level course. Classical as well as other styles will be taught. Music reading, solo and ensemble playing will be part of this class. \$20 rentals available	Creativity
645	Ukulele I	Introductory level course in the art of ukulele playing: basic tuning skills, picking as well as strumming techniques; reading of music, solo and ensemble playing required.	Creativity
649	Choir	Study the art of combined singing: choral techniques, historical and stylistic guidelines as well as cultural contexts will be studied.	Creativity
665	Hawaiian Culture	Provides student with a basic understanding of the Hawaiian culture and its people.	
669	Polynesian Dance	This class is open to all men and women interested in learning about the cultures of the Pacific through music and dance.	Creativity
681	Theatre	Learn fundamentals of theatre through dramatic literature along with the aspects of technical theatre for performance.	Creativity
684	Acting	Learn performance skills, voice projection, stage movement, and characterization.	Creativity

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685	Film History	Explore the artistic, technical, and sociological aspects of cinema, from pre-cinematic works to the contemporary period.	Creativity
686	Graphic Arts	Explore the fundamentals of still photography, scanning, digital editing and printing. Projects will be displayed in Macromedia Flash (webpage) documents.	Creativity
692	Puppetry	Explore the craft, history and performance of puppets.	
693	Art Appreciation	The central goal of the course is to encourage students to enjoy Art as Humanity and to make it a part of their lives.	
861	Beg. Wt. Training	Basic principles and techniques of strength training introduced.	
902	Study Hall 2	Supervised study period in a designated area. The numbers indicate the trimester. This is a no credit elective.	
903	Study Hall 3		
904	Office Assistant	Provides support to the Front Office staff. No credit but community service hours available for only 9 th & 10 th grade.	
909	Library Assistant	Provides support to the Library staff. No credit but community service hours available for only 9 th & 10 th grade.	

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