

## Hawaiian Studies

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### Course Description

Aloha! Welcome to Hawaiiana at Stevenson Middle School. This course is part of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Elective Wheel. Guided by 'Āina Aloha competency and the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards III students will be learning Hawaiian Language, Culture, and History. In this classroom we are an 'ohana or family and it is our goal to gain an understanding of Hawai'i and a sense of belonging.

### Online Platform & Meetings

We will be using **Google Classroom** as our main platform. After getting their school Email, students can then access my Google Classroom. Please check Google Classroom daily for assignments, due dates, discussions, and announcements. Our meetings will take place on **Google Meets**. The link to the class meetings will be located in Google Classroom. Students will also use **Flipgrid** to share short responses and clips of themselves performing Hawaiian content as tests. (In case we can't have class in person)

### Materials

- Chromebook or other device
- Notebook/Paper
  - Pencil or Pen
  - Color Pencils (Optional)

### Expectations

#### Online

**-Be on time** - Be on time and prepared with your device charged. Close material and tabs from other classes. Make sure all tech works 5-10 minutes before the meeting.

**-Mute yourself** - Mute yourself right away to eliminate background noise.

**-Presentation** - Consider your surroundings and attire. Find a good spot in the home with few distractions and make sure you're wearing something appropriate for the day.

**-Headphones** - Use headphones if you have them. If your headphones or earbuds have a microphone, even better.

**-Signals** - Use hand signals:

*Thumbs up* 👍 = Yes

*Thumbs down* 👎 = No

*Hand by ear* 🙄 = Can't hear

*Raise hand* 🙋♀️🙋♂️ = Have a comment or question

**-Be Respectful** - Follow the agreements of the group.

-Adhere to **TRUF** for appropriate use of technology

#### In-Person

Students are expected to follow all school rules and policies.

Students will follow the Health and Safety guidelines.

Come to class prepared and ready to learn.

Be respectful and responsible.

### General Rules

#### Online

- Listen and follow directions
- Be a responsible and respectful user of technology
- No Bullying
- No inappropriate language or posting

#### In-Person

- No food or sugary drinks
- No violating Health and Safety guidelines
- No phones (unless given permission)
- Be respectful
- No inappropriate language
- No Bullying



## **Discipline Policy**

Student discipline will be dealt with on an individual basis. Chapter 19 policies on student conduct will be enforced. Other disruptive behaviors will be dealt with as follows:

**1st Offense-** Verbal warning

**2nd Offense-** Dismissed from activity

**3rd Offense-** Sent to the counselor and/or Principal

**4th Offense-** Sent to counselor and/or Principal and Parent/Guardian notified.

## **Grade**

**A=** 90%-100% (4 Points)

**B=** 80%-89% (3 points)

**C=** 70%-79% ( 2 points)

**D=** 60%-69% (1 point)

**F=** 0%-59% (0 points)

**Test/Quiz=**45%

**Class/Homework=**40%

**Participation=** 15%

*\*Grades will be posted on **Infinite Campus** every **2nd** and **4th Wednesday** of each month\**

## **Makeup policy**

Students will have opportunities to make up missed work or resubmit work. Students will also have extra credit opportunities given periodically throughout the quarter.

## **Tech Issues**

If there are any tech issues regarding Google Meets such as the system crashing or connectivity issues, restart your device and rejoin the meeting. If the issue continues, please contact me through email (if possible) and explain the issue that you are having. I will then give you further instructions on what to do next. If the issue continues, please contact the [Ohana Help Desk](#) for further assistance.

**643-DESK (3375)**

I will also have links posted to my Google Classroom that will provide tutorials on how to work with these Google platforms.

## **Additional Support**

Students and parents/guardians may contact me through email at any time and I will respond within 24 hours. I will also be

available for online meetings during my office hours. Just send me an email to set up a meeting. I will also be using the Remind App. if you would like to get quick reminders on upcoming assignments and/or tests through text.

## **Office Hours**

**Thursday & Friday  
2:30pm-4:30pm**

If you would like to schedule an online meeting, please send me an email and we can set up a time to meet.

## **Parent/Guardian Contact**

Please fill out student Emergency cards and make sure that the Emergency contact information is updated on Infinite Campus.

*Please complete the "Syllabus" **Google Form** posted on Google Classroom to acknowledge that you have read and understand the course syllabus.*