



Graduation Requirements Frequently Asked Questions

What is E Ola! Learner Outcomes?

E Ola! consists of fourteen outcomes that specify what all students will know or be able to do as a result of their educational experience at Kamehameha. The outcomes focus on fostering students ability to play significant roles within their ‘ohana, communities, and throughout ka pae ‘āina o Hawai‘i and beyond.

Why were the new graduation requirements created?

The tri-campus graduation requirements mark an important step forward as we integrate as one Kamehameha Schools’ education system. The new requirements will enable Kamehameha students across the three campuses to have access to comparable and consistent educational experiences, founded on the achievement of the E Ola! Learner Outcomes.

What was the process to create the requirements? Do the new graduation requirements align to other schools?

Campus leaders reviewed current graduation requirements from all three Kamehameha campuses, comparable independent and public schools, and college admissions criteria. The new requirements were created with all the aforementioned in mind and to ensure students develop a competitive edge in preparation for the college admissions process.

When will the new requirements be implemented?

The trustees approved the new requirements for the Class of 2022. Students in the classes of 2021, 2020, 2019 will continue to follow the requirements set forth prior to the new tri-campus graduation requirements.

What is the language requirement?

All students must have two consecutive years of language and demonstrate the knowledge and skills equivalent to 2 years of Hawaiian language.

Students who enroll in Hawaiian 1 and Hawaiian 2 will fulfill both the two consecutive

years of language and the Hawaiian language requirement.

Students may also fulfill the Hawaiian language requirement through an assessment. Students that take the assessment and pass the Hawaiian 1 level assessment will be placed into Hawaiian 2. After completing Hawaiian 2, the students may take Hawaiian 3 to complete their language requirement or another language for 2 consecutive years after Hawaiian 2.

Students that take the assessment and pass Hawaiian 2 can take Hawaiian 3 and 4 or two years of another language to fulfill the language requirements.

Why is the new language requirement important?

As affirmed by our Strategic and Tactical Plan, we are committed to ensure every student has a strong Hawaiian cultural identity. Hawaiian language is a foundational component to this commitment.

Will Hawaiian Language count towards college admission language requirements?

Most colleges require at least 2 consecutive years of a language. Our students have never been denied college admissions because they selected to take Hawaiian language as their high school language.

As a general rule, it is important that students begin planning for college early in High School to ensure they are working towards the specified requirements for their desired college.

What will the senior capstone project entail?

A senior capstone project serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students. Students will pursue independent research, which demonstrates the knowledge and skills they have gained over their course of study.