**Enrichment Course Offerings**

**KAMS - 2021-2022**

***English***

**Film Studies** – Develop skills to enjoy film as both an art and entertainment form. (semester)

**Public Speaking** – Develop content organization and delivery skills with a focus on spoken word poetry meant to engage the soul, inspire, and/or bring about social change. (semester- this course may be repeated)

***Physical Education***

**Sports Games and Fitness** – Improve your speed, power, agility, and core strength through fun, team sport activities and conditioning. (semester)

***Science***

**Agriculture**

**Exploring Agricultural Science** – Learn the basics of agriculture, agricultural career opportunities, participate in FFA, and participate in a Supervised Agricultural Experience. (year, at PGHS- may be taken before or after Introduction to Agricultural Science)

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**Other**

**Exploring Science I** – Solve problems such as bridge building, creating a prosthetic arm, cyber security, and more in a hands-on course focusing on science, math, and engineering. (semester)

**Exploring Science II** – Solve problems such as bridge building, creating a prosthetic arm, cyber security, and more in a hands-on course focusing on science, math, and engineering. (semester)

***Social Science***

**Geography Around the World (Warrior Culture)** – Explore the world through the lens of warrior culture in a historical context. (semester)

***Technology***

**Computer Technology** – Learn computer skills including keyboarding, working environment organization and optimization, word processing, spreadsheets, multimedia presentations and internet research skills.

***This class does NOT fulfill the High School Computer Technology graduation requirement.*** (semester)

**Introduction to Computer Programing** – Learn beginning programing through event-driven and structured programming techniques to develop software. Students will design, code, test, and debug programs.

***Pre-requisite: Successful completion of Computer Technology.*** (semester)

**Pre-Engineering** – Provides the opportunity to recognize the value of an engineering notebook to document and capture ideas. Introduction to the design process to solve problems and understand the influence that creative and innovative design has on everyday life. (semester)

**Design Thinking** – Introduction to approach to learning that uses specific techniques and mindsets to develop a student’s creative confidence. Curriculum includes a series of hands-on “design challenges” organized around real-world problems. (semester)

***The Arts***

**Art I** – Learn basic elements and principals of art and design through the creation of 2D and 3D artwork using a variety of mediums and techniques. No previous art experience needed. (semester)

**Art II** – Serious art students explore artistic and creative expression through the design and completion of artwork using a variety of mediums. **Successful completion of Art I highly recommended.** (year)

**Band** **I** – Learn to play a musical instrument. No previous experience required! (year)

**Band II** – Serious music students with at least one full year of band experience continue to hone skills of musicianship. Practice at home and attendance at concerts are required. (year- this course may be repeated)

**Dance** – Learn basic knowledge of dance, develop dance skills, choreograph dances, and perform in front of KAMS students and staff at rallies, VAPA night, and other performances. No previous dance experience necessary. (semester)

**Digital Photography** - Explore Digital Photography through the elements of composition, including digital camera function, digital manipulation of images in Adobe Photoshop, and other technical skills. (semester)

**Guitar I** -Learn basic guitar skills, including posture, hand position, note reading, time signatures, basic chords, and more! Students may or may not have had previous guitar experience. (semester)

**Music I** – Learn basic musical concepts including history, with an emphasis on learning to play and perform. No previous experience necessary. (semester)

**Musical Theatre** – Learn the fundamentals of musical theater, including participation in a performance of a Broadway Jr. musical. Rehearsals are during class except for the week (tech week) before shows. Shows are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings with a Saturday matinee. (semester- this course may be repeated)

**Theatre Arts I** - Explore theatrical production with an emphasis on acting, pantomime, and improvisation. No previous acting or theatrical experience required. (semester- may be taken before or after Theatre Arts II)

**Theatre Arts II** – Explore theatrical production with an emphasis on stagecraft: stage make up, costuming, set design, lighting, sound, and production. No previous acting or theatrical experience required. (semester- may be taken before or after Theatre Arts I)

***World Language***

**Conversational Spanish** – Learn basic vocabulary, grammar, geography, famous people, multicultural literature, and exploration of Hispanic/Latino culture. Develop skills in *reading, writing, speaking*, and *listening*. (semester)

**Japanese I** - High school level college preparatory course in comprehension, expression, reading and writing in Japanese. Includes study of Japanese culture. Meets one year of college entrance (A-G) world language requirements. (year- at PGHS)

**Japanese II** – **(8th Grade Only)**  Continuation of the study of Japanese language and culture.

**Pre-requisite: completion of Japanese 1 with a C or better.** (year- at PGHS)

**Spanish I** - **(8th Grade Only)** High school level college preparatory course in comprehension, expression, reading and writing in Spanish. Includes study of Spanish culture. Meets one year of college entrance (A-G) world language requirements. (year)

***Additional Enrichment Courses***

**AVID 7** **(Advancement Via Individual Determination)** – ***Application required****.* **(7th grade, 2nd semester only)**, online application available October 2020. College preparatory elective designed for students historically underrepresented in college who demonstrate academic potential. Goals include preparation in meeting 4-year college eligibility requirements, academic instruction and support for pursuing college dreams. (semester)

**AVID 8** – **Application required unless already in AVID 7.** **(8th Grade Only)** Same as AVID 7, applications available in spring 2021. (year)

**Honors Program Success -** Workshop class for students enrolled in at least one honors class and in need of additional time and support. (semester- this course may be repeated)

**Student Assistant** – ***Application form required.*** Support classroom teachers, librarians, or office staff. (semester- this course may be repeated)

**Student Leadership I** – ***Application required****.* Plan and lead events including assemblies, rallies, lunchtime activities, school spirit activities, and work with KAMS TV. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA with no Ds/Fs and have satisfactory citizenship. (semester- this course may be repeated- 7th may only take one semester during 7th grade)

**Student Leadership II** – ***Application required****.* **(8th Grade Only)** Plan and lead events including assemblies, rallies, lunchtime activities, school spirit activities, and work with KAMS TV. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA with no Ds/Fs and have satisfactory citizenship. (year)

**TV Journalism - *Application required*.**  Learn basic tv journalism skills and use of video production equipment to produce KAMS TV. (year- this course may be repeated)

**Yearbook** – ***Application required***. Learn basic journalism skills and use of digital publishing to produce our award winning school yearbook. (year- this course may be repeated)

Please note that enrollment into specific enrichment courses is not guaranteed and is subject to change based on availability and staffing. Every effort is made by KAMS Counselors to schedule students into at least one of their top five enrichment courses as indicated on the Course Preference Form. As KAMS has over 1450 students, not every student will be enrolled in a preferred enrichment course. Once scheduled, enrichment courses will not be changed. If you are scheduled into an enrichment course you were not expecting, we ask that you approach it with an open mind and growth mindset spirit. Who knows? You may learn to love something new!