

# OSLS Foreign Language Program

Knowledge of a second language is a coveted skill, whether for academics, business, travel, or posterity, but learning can be a challenging task. Japanese and Spanish are introduced to our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders for one semester each. When they go on to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, they then choose to continue with just one for their Foreign Language elective. These exposures and basic skills will better ensure their success in further education and in life.



Why Japanese? Do you know what is a musubi, sushi, or sashimi? Have you heard of anime? Japanese is the second largest ethnic group in Hawaii and a favorite travel spot for Japanese nationals. Everywhere you turn you can see the culture's influence in Hawaii.



Why Spanish? Spanish is the second most spoken language in America, next to English. Spanish also gives access to the Romance languages of French, Italian, Portuguese, and the professional vocabularies based on Latin.



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(Return by Orientation Day, Wednesday, August 4)

## 2010-2011 OSLS Foreign Language Elective

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 7 or 8

Choose:



\_\_\_\_\_ Japanese



\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_