

WHY LEARN ARABIC?

1. **Arabic is an official language of the United Nations.**
2. **Arabic is the 5th most commonly spoken native language in the world.** It is the official language of over 23 countries and there are well over 400 million native speakers of the language. These speakers are largely concentrated in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), but there are minority groups of native speakers throughout the world.
3. Learning Arabic **promotes an intercultural understanding** of the region, which is essential in today's geo-political dialogue.
4. There is currently a **high demand, yet low supply** of Arabic-speakers. Those students who study Arabic will be provided with a skill that will set them apart from their fellow students at graduation.

WHY LEARN KISWAHILI?

1. This language is spoken in a very large area across central and southern Africa. It is the **official language spoken in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**, and is spoken throughout the African Great Lakes region.
2. Approximately **15 million people** speak Kiswahili as their first language.
3. Learning Kiswahili promotes an intercultural understanding of the East-Africa region. This is important in that Africa has also become a region of increasing importance in business and international affairs.
4. Students who study Kiswahili will be provided with a unique skillset that will set them apart from their fellow students at graduation.

“Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.”

–Rita Mae Brown

A Taste of Arabic or KiSwahili

NHPS/YALE SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP



What am I going to learn at camp ?

Conversational Language and Cross-Cultural Skills
~ Arabic or KiSwahili ~

Culture and Food of Africa and the Middle East

Geography on specific regions where languages are spoken

DON'T MISS THE GAMES, FRIENDS AND FOOD!!

NHPS/YALE SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP

LOCATION: Wilbur Cross High School

DATE: JULY 1st – 15th, 2016

TIME: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Field Trip: Friday, July 8th to Yale

Art Gallery

APPLICATION DUE: JUNE 24TH

****Offered to Middle School students
entering 7th or 8th grade**

**Class space is very limited:
admission on first come, first
served basis**

Free of charge

PARENTAL/STUDENT CONSENT AND EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

In cooperation with New Haven Public Schools World Languages Department, the Councils on African and Middle East Studies at the Yale MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies are excited to offer this opportunity to gain a "taste" of the languages and cultures of Arabic and Kiswahili in this two-week summer camp. Teachers will engage students in conversational practice, as well as the cultures, foods, and geography of these rarely-studied languages. Parents will be invited to a culminating celebration event on the last day of the camp.

*By signing below, you give your consent for your child's participation. **If you do not wish for him/her to be included in any promotional material, please return the form with the child's name, but please do not sign.***

Student's Name _____

Student's Address _____

Current School _____

Entering Grade _____

Language: Arabic ___ Swahili ___

(Students should choose which language they wish to study, but we reserve the right to place students in one language or the other so that all students can benefit from the small class size of just 15 students each!)

I allow the instructors of the Summer Foreign Language Camp to photograph and/or video-tape my child for the purposes of the Program and World CLASS-related materials.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Second Contact Name _____ Phone _____

ALLERGIES/ DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

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