

Course Name: Spanish-Year 1

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

None

WHAT this course is about:

The first year of Spanish is a highly communicative introduction to the language and it is the foundation upon which levels 2, 3, 4 and 5th year AP are built. Students will begin to develop their Spanish proficiency through extensive interactions in the target language emphasizing four language skills: Listening/Understanding, Speaking, Reading and Writing. It is a fast paced and rigorous course that offers new adventures and new challenges as students dive in to learn about various Spanish speaking cultures and real-world themes. This course will help students expand their worldly perspectives as they continue on their way to becoming global citizens.

WHY take this course:

Spanish is the 4th most spoken language in the world and is the official language of 21 different countries. Studying Spanish will help you:

- 1) explore and connect with other cultures and cultural traditions.
- 2) communicate and interact with Spanish speakers in other countries and also with the more than 44 million Spanish speakers living right here in the United States.
- 3) open up future career opportunities as knowing a second language can enhance any resume.
- 4) enhance worldly perspectives helping students along the way to becoming responsible global citizens.

WHAT you'll learn:

Using the National World Language ACTFL Standards, students will learn important vocabulary and grammar and they will be asked to put their knowledge to work in real-life settings. They will be able to talk about their lives, their family and friends, discuss and inquire about weather and pastimes, order food at a restaurant, find their way around a foreign city, and function in new situations. Grammar includes present tense regular and some irregular verbs, adjective agreement, syntax and much more. Students will be reading, writing, listening and speaking every day in class and they will be studying the culture of the people who speak the target language as well as their customs.

WHAT you'll do:

In this class, our work is centered around the "5 C's" of the ACTFL World Readiness Standards: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. This class stresses all four language skills: listening/understanding, speaking, reading comprehension, and writing; in three

content areas: vocabulary, grammar, and culture. Students will learn important vocabulary and grammar, while exploring different cultures of the Spanish speaking world and they will be asked to put their knowledge to work using real world applications.

Is there homework? YES! Learning a new language is like learning to play a new instrument. Regular practice is critical to success. So, yes-required homework is regularly assigned in Spanish 1.

WHERE this could take you:

Taking a World Language in High School is NOT currently a requirement for graduation. BUT...most 4 year Universities require 2 or 3 years of World Language for admittance. If you are interested or even thinking about attending a 4 year College sometime in the future, World Language is a must. Also, knowing a second language can open career paths that could make you more marketable in your career search. It also equips speakers for culturally rich experiences abroad in the future.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

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