

Spanish I
Boles High School
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Course objectives

In this course you will learn the elements of basic conversational Spanish. Emphasis is on communicating by using the four major language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Using thematic vocabulary, we will learn the present tense of verbs. In addition to these skills, you will be introduced to different forms of Hispanic culture, from everyday life to art and literature. By the end of this course you will be able to:

- 1) Recite and pronounce the Spanish alphabet, the days of the week, colors and numbers 0 to 100
- 2) Greet friends and family
- 3) Tell time
- 4) Ask for information
- 5) Describe yourself and others
- 6) Talk about what you do in school
- 7) Talk about what you do for fun
- 8) Describe your favorite foods
- 9) Describe your family

Course policies

The course will be conducted as much as possible in Spanish so that you will become comfortable hearing and using basic forms of the language. Students are expected to participate in class discussions and produce assignments in Spanish. Taking risks in Spanish is crucial for you to build up your oral skills. The use of English will be allowed in class discussions as a learning resource only and you will be expected to gradually develop your Spanish abilities to use English less frequently as the year progresses.

Reading requirements

You will be required to read small and simple stories in Spanish. You will be required to demonstrate an understanding of your reading when you finish the short stories. Reading well emphasizes comprehension, not just what happened but what it means. Reflection and interpretation show me how well you understood what you read. You will be required to keep evidence of both.

Writing Requirements

You will require to compose simple sentences in the present tense and implied future tenses, using appropriate verb forms and word order. Writing well requires rewriting. You will be responsible for keeping a portfolio, which will serve as the best evidence of your progress as a writer.

Vocabulary Requirements

We will have weekly vocabulary assignments. Each six weeks you will receive a list of new vocabulary words in Spanish and will be responsible for translating into English as well as memorizing the words. Each Friday you will have a quiz (daily grade). The average of all vocabulary quizzes taken during the six weeks will count as a major grade.

Projects

There will be at least one project per semester. Each project will count as a major grade. The projects will range from posters, PowerPoint presentation to skits. The projects will coincide with the lesson plan that we are currently studying.

Remind 101

Remind 101 is a web-based program that provides a safe way for teachers to text message or email students and parents. I will be using Remind 101 to send you reminders about upcoming assignments. This is another tool which will help you manage due dates and improve communication; however, it is not intended to replace your responsibility of keeping track of class assignments.

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