

Course Syllabus 2017-2018
Spanish 1-2
WSP 181-182

Faculty Information

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Course Description:

Beginning students will study language that we use in everyday communication. They will acquire Spanish through a communicative, skills-based approach where they communicate or interpret language through various modes: *interpersonal speaking and writing, presentational speaking and writing, and interpretive reading and listening*. Additionally, students will expand their understanding of culture by studying various aspects of the Spanish-speaking world. Daily activities and tasks, including a variety of formative and summative assessments, have been designed to help students meet district standards and ACTFL Standards of Language Learning.

World Languages Standards (Grades 9-12): Communication and Culture

1) Communication Standard: Communicates in languages other than English, both in person and via technology.

Interpretive Communication (reading, listening)

- Competency #1. Derive meaning from messages and texts using listening and reading strategies.
- Competency #2. Identify how authentic sources convey viewpoints and use authentic resources critically.
- Competency #3. Comprehend and interpret information in authentic messages and informational texts. □ Competency #4. Comprehend and interpret information about the main idea and relevant details in authentic literary texts.

Presentational Communication (Speaking, Writing)

- Competency #1. Convey meaning using writing processes and presentational strategies.
- Competency #2. Present information, concepts and viewpoints on familiar and some unfamiliar topics.
- Competency #3. Present a range of literary, creative and artistic endeavors to audiences near and far.

Interpersonal communication (Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing)

- Competency #1. Negotiate meaning using requests, clarifications and conversation strategies.
- Competency #2. Interact with others using culturally appropriate language and gestures on familiar and some on familiar topic.
- Competency #3. Express preferences, feelings, emotions and opinions about familiar and some unfamiliar topics.

2) Cultural Standard: Gain and use knowledge and understanding or other cultures.

- Competency #1. Analyze and describe relationships among products, practices and perspectives and compare them across cultures.
- Competency #2. Experience the target language and culture(s) and share information and personal reactions with others

Content:

- Students will use the textbook *¡Qué Chévere!* as a resource. If they wish to use the textbook as a reference outside of class, they may check out a book for the year. They will be responsible for this book. Students also have access to the online version of *¡Qué Chévere!* At <https://passport.emcl.com>. Students will also use other resources like www.quizlet.com, www.quizizz.com, www.youtube.com, and other supplemental links and documents as additional support.
- Students will be able to:

Unit 1 Mucho Gusto	*Greet others *Say where he/she is from *Express how one is feeling *Talk about age *Use numbers in a variety of settings	Semester 1
Unit 2 Al Colegio	*Describe people and classes *Talk about schedules and obligations *Tell time	Semester 1
Unit 3 En la Ciudad	*Describe a city, locations, and transportation *Extend invitations *Relate a problem *Make introductions *Interact in a restaurant	Semester 1&2
Unit 4 La Familia y Los Amigos	*Distinguish familial relationships *Describe family, friends, and their feelings. *Discuss likes and dislikes	Semester 2

Unit 5 La Rutina y La Diversión	*Explain interests through popular culture (entertainment, sports, electronics) *Describe upcoming events *Talk about typical celebrations and holidays	Semester 2
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Instructional Strategies:

As an effort to reach as many learners as possible, the presentation, style, and manipulation of language will be as diverse as possible, particularly highlighting **21st century skills** through (digital-age literacy, critical thinking and problem solving, blended learning, communication and collaboration, creativity and innovation).

Additionally, instruction utilizes a gradual release of responsibility to students where teacher models, guides and finally releases students to work independently or collaboratively with targeted language skills.

Assessments:

Formative (Practice): Students will be assessed on daily practices in target language through participation in classroom activities (large and small group) and completion of homework. These tasks will not be graded, but will be documented as complete or incomplete.

☐ Summative (Performances): Students will be assessed in their progression of language skills at various intervals through graded performances using various modes of communication. Students will also take periodic quizzes on grammar/vocabulary, as well as semester and final exams. These various performances will determine their grade. (see grade plan)

☐ Extra Credit: Students will be provided with opportunities for extra credit in the form of *non-required assignments*. As opportunities arise in the community for valuable communicative or cultural experiences outside of the classroom, students will be encouraged to experience language/culture outside of the classroom. Ideas are welcome! Take ownership!

Grading Plan and Course Advancement:

☐ District Grading Scale Used:

A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66
B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

- Students are required to pass the semester (60%) in order to continue to the next semester course (Ex: Spanish 1 (Fall) to Spanish 2 (Spring)). Students need to earn at least a C- (70%) at the end of the school year in order to advance to the next course. (Ex: Spanish 4 (Spring) to Spanish 5 (Fall)).

Academic/Behavioral Expectations:

Students should demonstrate Mustang **PRIDE** expectations (Student handbook p. 11)

- **Prepared** – In your seat when the bell rings, have necessary materials with you, have agenda, organize and prioritize
 - **Responsible** – Be honest, comply with teacher requests without arguing, leave no trace, appropriate use of technology/devices
 - **Inclusive** – Be respectful, help others when needed, stand UP for others and self, collaborate with classmates
 - **Dignified** – Respect personal property, allow others the best opportunity to learn, resolve conflict with maturity
 - **Empowered** – Participate in class, be an active and respectful listener, collaborate with classmates, respect opinions of others, ask questions when you need help.
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- Students suspected of academic dishonesty (cheating and plagiarizing) may be subject to losing credit entirely. Academic or disciplinary recourse is entirely discretionary as circumstances are unpredictable. Academic dishonesty includes using translation sites to write in Spanish. A dictionary (online is ok) should be utilized for single words.

Communication Plan:

As an educator, it is my goal to develop a relationship with each student where we can discuss his or her academic performance, attendance, and/or behavioral concerns in order to find solutions together. Should student-teacher communication become ineffective, parents and/or administration will be included.

Make-Up Plan for Absences

Students will be provided with a "reasonable" amount of time to make up assessments and instruction after any absence. ***I expect students to have all work completed by the end of each unit.*** Students will use their own free time, not class time, to do so. Failure to complete assessments will result in zero credit. If there are extenuating circumstances, arrangements can be made with student and teacher, if requested.

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please sign below in order to acknowledge that you have read and agree to the academic policies outlined in this syllabus. All course syllabi are available at Hempstead's website for your reference.

<http://hempstead.dbqschools.org/students/academics/course-syllabi/>

If necessary, please contact me with any additional information that I should know about your son or daughter in order to be an effective teacher for him or her. Please direct all questions or concerns to my school email first.

Looking forward to a great year with these emerging Spanish speakers!

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Current Email Address and phone number (for teacher's use):

Phone # _____

