



8th Grade Spanish

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Welcome to Spanish 2! You made it this far! This year is going to be filled with new grammar and even more tools to be able to communicate to other people in Spanish. We will be speaking and writing all the time, so get ready for a fun year. If all this makes you nervous, don't worry. There will be some amazing activities that will make learning Spanish fun!

Course Overview

This 2nd year Spanish course for BCS Middle School students combines the vocabulary and grammar of Spanish along with culture, history, and God's heart for the nations. Students will be speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. The curriculum is designed to provide an active learning environment that helps students build a solid foundation in the Spanish language.

Unit 1	2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review PE-3B Review vocabulary Review verbs (-AR, -ER, -IR), basic sentence structure, questions, answers and adjectives
Unit 2	8 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4A-4B The verb <i>ir</i> Asking questions Place in the community, leisure activities, and sports Telling time Invitations The verb <i>jugar</i> <i>Ir + a + infinitive</i>
Unit 3	9 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5A-5B Family members and pets Telling ages Celebration activities Possessive adjectives The verb <i>tener</i> Describing people and things Eating out, food, and table settings and expressing needs The verb <i>venir</i> The verbs <i>ser</i> and <i>estar</i>
Unit 4	8 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6A-6B Bedroom items Electronic equipment Describe, compare, contrast The superlative Stem-changing verbs: <i>poder</i> and <i>dormir</i> Houses/apartments and their rooms Chores Affirmative <i>tú</i> commands The present progressive
Unit 5	8 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7A-7B Shopping, clothing, prices and numbers Stem-changing verbs: <i>pensar</i>, <i>querer</i>, and <i>preferir</i> Demonstrative adjectives

Classroom Supplies

- ✓ Realidades 1 (textbook) - provided
- ✓ 3-ring binder with a Spanish tab
- ✓ Notebook paper
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Spanish-English/English-Spanish dictionary (optional to bring to class, but necessary at home)
- ✓ Colored pencils, scissors, glue – will be used on occasion (will be communicated ahead of time)
- ✓ Flashcards

Other Important Information:

Bathroom Pass

Students will have a total of three bathroom passes per trimester.

1. Verbal Correction or Warning
2. Teacher Detention
 - The student will serve a 30 minute detention with their teacher in their classroom.
3. School Hour Detention
 - C-Hall may be assigned to a student for behavior infractions. A C-Hall is an hour long detention to be scheduled on Tuesdays at 7:15 or Thursdays at 3:40. Students will be notified.
4. Office Referral

Grading and Evaluation

Grading	
Homework	40%
Tests/Quizzes	25%
Online Reading	10%
Work Ethic	10%
Spoken Participation	15%

Grade Scale	
78-79 = C+	
93-100 = A	73-77 = C
90-92 = A-	70-72 = C-
88-89 = B+	68-69 = D+
83-87 = B	60-67 = D
80-82 = B-	0-59 = F

Homework

Students will have homework in almost every single Spanish class. The goal is not to overwhelm, but rather provide continuous work in the subject. The homework will normally take between 5-10 minutes. Sometimes there will be a project that needs to be worked on. The week leading up to the tests, there will be limited to no homework. I encourage students to look at the vocabulary and read through activities for at least five minutes every day that they do not have Spanish. Consistency is key to learning a new language.

Tests/Quizzes

There will be various quizzes throughout each unit and an end-of-chapter test (2 per unit).

Online Reading

Students will each have an account with Raz-Kids. They will be doing weekly in-class reading with on this website. Additionally, they will be able to complete more reading for extra credit throughout the trimester. For every 25 books read (with quizzes completed), they will earn 1% more to their grade.

Work Ethic

This is a combination of a student's preparedness for class, prompt attendance, respect/attitude, and the timeliness of their homework being turned in.

Spoken Participation

Participation in Spanish class is essential. It is totally ok to mess up! The important part is trying. That is how we learn. Students will be graded on their level of participation through speaking. They must engage with one another in the spoken activities and be willing to answer in-class questions.

Late Work Policy

- Late homework will lose a letter grade for every day that it is late.
- Please talk to Miss Geneser if you have special circumstances around your homework.

Homework Policy

- Homework is assigned practice to help reinforce and master content and must be completed in a timely manner to ensure student success.
- It is the responsibility of the student to write homework assignments in their agenda on a daily basis.
- Students are expected to review material regularly and to study for upcoming quizzes and tests.

Absences

- It is the responsibility of the student to check the absentee slot for missed work immediately upon returning to school.
- Students have **ONE** day for each day they were absent to make-up missed work. After that day, any missing assignments will be entered as a **ZERO** until they are received.
- Special circumstances will be taken into consideration and must be discussed and approved by Miss Geneser