

Course Development Mission Statement

The value of world language study lies in the relationship that exists between language and culture and between language and thought. Therefore, the following courses were designed to provide all students opportunities to communicate and interact within a culturally diverse world community. These opportunities will also foster the students' appreciation of their own language and culture and will encourage them to make strong connections between the study of a foreign language and other academic disciplines.

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Course Descriptions

Spanish 1 (Full Year, 2 Credits)

Spanish 1 will provide the student with a general introduction to the Spanish language: the sound system, pronunciation, functional vocabulary related to everyday life, cultural information and basic grammatical structures. Emphasis will be on the acquisition of four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. There are two main objectives to the course. Foremost is to give the students the ability to carry on a simple conversation. The second is to provide the students with instruction that teaches a basic understanding of Spanish culture, vocabulary, and grammatical concepts.

Spanish 2 (Full Year, 2 Credits)

Spanish 2 builds upon knowledge gained in Spanish 1 as well as reinforce the skills learned: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasis is on perfecting pronunciation, mastery of the basic grammatical structures, and increased communicative proficiency. Acquisition of functional vocabulary is expected; weekly thematic vocabulary quizzes will be administered to achieve this goal. Students will be exposed to more advanced sentence structures and various verb tenses. Students will be expected to apply them in their writing and speaking.