

Course Code: FSS61QBF-1
Course Name: Spanish
Teacher Name: M. Velez
Year and Term: 2023-2024 (Term 1)

Learning Standards:

Standard 1 - Communication - Communication is the heart of second language study, whether the communication takes place face-to-face, in writing, or across centuries through reading literature.

Standard 2 - Cultures - Through the study of other languages, students gain a knowledge and understanding of the cultures that use that language and, in fact, cannot truly master the language until they have also mastered the cultural contexts in which language occurs.

Standard 3 - Connections - Learning language provides connections to additional bodies of knowledge that may be unavailable to the monolingual English speaker.

Standard 4 - Comparisons - Through comparisons and contrast with the language being studied, students develop insight into the nature of language and the concept of culture and realize that there are multiple ways of viewing the world.

Standard 5 - Communities - Together, these elements enable the student of languages to participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world in a variety of contexts and in culturally appropriate ways.

Course Description:

Spanish 1 teaches students to greet people, describe family and friends, talk about hobbies, and communicate about other topics, such as home life, occupations, travel, and medicine. Each lesson presents vocabulary, grammar, and culture in context, followed by explanations and exercises. The course introduces everyday language and includes activities to practice all four language skills: reading comprehension, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking.

Course Objective – Is design to help students develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Spanish, and to expose the student to the different cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. A wide variety of methods and techniques will be used to reach, motivate, and challenge each student.

Course Topics

Students will develop an understanding of:

- Cognates
- Greetings
- Descriptions
- Colors
- Countries and Nationalities
- Numbers 1-20
- Days of the Week
- Family
- Places
- Animals
- Weather Expressions
- Food
- Hobbies
- Months of the Year
- Seasons
- Numbers 30-100
- Common -AR Verbs
- Common -ER Verbs
- Common -IR Verbs
- Telling Time
- School

Course Materials:

Classroom book “Spanish is Fun” (Book 1) - Lively Lessons for Advancing Students by AMSCO, pencils/pens, formative assessments, summative assessments, teacher made materials

Grading Policy

Final grades for this class will be based on your performance, participation in all class activities, group discussions, unit assignments, course projects, and benchmark exams.

School wide learners Expectations

MHS students will be:

- Engaged learners
- Critical thinkers
- Effective communicators
- Global citizens