

7th and 8th Grade Spanish

Our goal at this level is to give students a foundation for exploring and understanding Spanish-speaking cultures and peoples. It is a standards-based program that includes interesting topics, authentic culture, and real-life communication to motivate students to master Spanish. We are using the **“En Espanol”** book series which will make a smooth transition into the high school level 1 course. Its instruction uses a balanced approach that practices reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and introduces students to cultures throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Through completing the activities, students will employ critical thinking skills as they compare the Spanish language and its cultures with those of their own community. We also implement lessons from another book titled **“Discovering Languages-Spanish”**. Ultimately we hope that your student will become aware of how Spanish is used every day in the real world.

7th GRADE TOPICS AND CULTURE

- Importance of learning a second language
- Spain, Spanish America and the Spanish Language History
- Present day Spanish-speaking countries and capitals
- Spanish Cognates
- Spanish Names
- The Latin population in the U.S., comparing communities
- Famous Hispanic Americans
- Greetings
- Variations on good-bye
- Articles before country names
- Formality and Informality

GRAMMAR AND COMMUNICATION

- Basic formal and informal greetings and departures
- Giving/asking for names
- Giving/asking for origin
- Giving/asking for daily feelings
- Introducing yourself
- Exchanging phone numbers
- Say which day it is
- Introduce others
- Say where people are from
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Ser de
- Gustar + infinitive verb
- Subject pronouns
- Le presento a, te presento a,
- Vivo en

VOCABULARY

- Greetings
- Responses
- Saying Good-bye
- Introducing self and others
- Saying where you are from
- Exchanging phone numbers
- Numbers 0-30
- Days of the week
- Spanish-speaking countries
- People
- Professions
- Where people are from
- Places
- How are you? Greetings to others
- Terrible, well, poorly, so-so, tired, sick
- Manners
- Saying where you live
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Other useful words for sentence structure
- Daily activities
 - to write, to listen, to talk, to read, to dance, to sing, to eat, to run, to swim, to skate, to work

8TH GRADE TOPICS AND CULTURE

- Review of 7th grade topics and culture (see above)
- Spanish-speaking careers
- Comparing Hispanic and North American communities
- Famous Hispanic Americans
- History-Spanish place names
- Tejano music
- Music styles
- Informal dress
- La Charreada festival
- La Quinceanera celebration
- Day of the Dead celebration
- Christmas celebration
- Easter celebration
- Independence Day
- Spanish explorers
- Artists-Muralists
- Extended families

- Hispanic influences in cities
- The origin of the City of Mexico
- The grading system
- The origin of the pen
- The sciences and mathematics

GRAMMAR AND COMMUNICATION

- Review of 7th grade grammar and communication (see above)
- Writing/giving the date
- The suffix –ito/ita
- Definite articles
- Indefinite articles
- Noun-adjective agreement: gender
- Noun-adjective agreement: number
- The verb “to wear”=llevar
- The verb “to have”=tener
- Possession using “de”
- Possessive adjectives
- Hay-there is/there are
- Question words
- Describe others
- Give other’s likes and dislikes
- Describe clothing
- Describe family
- Ask and tell ages
- Talk about birthdays
- Express possession
- Present tense of regular “ar verbs
- Adverbs of frequency
- Tener que, hay que
- Describe classes and classroom objects
- Say how often you do something
- Discuss obligations

VOCABULARY

- Review of 7th grade vocabulary (see above)
- Physical and psychological characteristics/adjectives
- Clothing
- Animals
- Family members
- Possessive adjectives
- Asking and telling ages
- Numbers 30-100

- Dates
- Months
- Birthdays
- Classes
- Classroom objects
- Classroom phrases
- Classroom activities
- At the computer
- Saying how often
- Discussing obligations
- Actions/activities
- Other words and phrases