

Department: World Languages

Course Name: Spanish 1A

Course Description:

Spanish 1A is an introductory class for seventh graders that constitutes the first portion of the Level I (high school credit) course. The remainder of the course is completed during the eighth-grade year (Level 1B). As seventh graders, students begin learning the basic vocabulary, structures, and the sound system of the foreign language, as well as receiving a foundation in the cultural aspects of the target language. No changes are allowed in their choice of study until the completion of the eighth grade.

Content:

Grammar

Alphabet

Numbers 0-100

Nouns and articles

Interrogatives

Present tense verbs (-ar, -er, -ir)

Simple future (ir + a + infinitive)

Stem-changing verbs (querer, preferir, jugar)

Ser/Estar/Tener

Adjective/noun agreement

Possessive adjectives

Vocabulary

Greetings/good-byes

Introductions

Expressions of courtesy

Flag symbols & colors

Days/months/seasons

Family

Classroom/school

School subjects

Occupations/ Professions

Community

Prepositions

Body Parts

Clothing

Culture

Map of Spanish-speaking world

Customs and family structure

International school systems

Traditional clothing

Popular Music

Geography of Spanish-speaking world (focus on Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain)

Movies that represent different Spanish-speaking countries and cultures

Skills:

Pronounce words correctly
Write in full sentences
Read restricted texts
Apply vocabulary and grammar in speech
Memorize written dialogues
Comprehend restricted music and speech
Apply pronunciation and phonetics in speech

Text and Materials:

Descubre, Level I by Vista Higher Learning with ancillary materials

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture
Authentic readings
Skits
Dialogues
Immersion
Class Projects
Music
Electronic flash cards and apps
Worksheets
Videos

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests
Quizzes
Class Projects
Homework
Classwork
Class participation
Online class participation
Presentations-group and individual

