

World Language Requirements

Advanced Diploma:

At least 3 years of one language or 2 years of one language and 2 years of another language

*Recommended to stay with ONE language all the way to AP Spanish

Standard Diploma:

No language classes are specifically required

Spanish Levels 1-4

Spanish 1: basic conversational skills & present tense

Spanish 2: basic conversational skills, present & past tenses

Spanish 3: intermediate conversational skills & all nine grammar tenses

Spanish 4: intermediate conversational skills & mastery of all nine grammar tenses; earn .5 point to your GPA

College Board Mission

- The College Board's mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity
- AP Spanish: earn an extra point towards your GPA

Focus: AP Spanish

- Provide academic rigor & challenge for ALL students.
- The main focus of the course is to develop students' proficiencies in the three modes of communication as described in the *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century*: **Interpersonal, Interpretive and Presentational Communication**
- Student performance is described as a range of student proficiency instead of an assumed college course equivalency (third-year college course in Spanish language)
- The course has a thematic approach: 6 themes
- The course includes a focus on culture as described in the *Standards*: cultural products, practices, and perspectives

- In order to promote an integration of language, content and culture, the courses will be structured around six broad themes:
 - global challenges
 - science and technology
 - contemporary life
 - personal and public identities
 - families and communities
 - beauty and aesthetics
- These themes will promote not only improved communication skills but also the cultural perspectives essential to global citizenry.

AP Spanish Language Test

- ▶ **Section I 50% Multiple Choice**

- ▶ Reading: 30 questions (40 minutes)

- ▶ Reading/Listening & Listening: 35 questions (55 minutes)

- ▶ **Section II 50% Free Response**

- ▶ Letter: 12.5% (15 minutes)

- ▶ Essay: 12.5% (55 minutes)

- ▶ Dialogue: 12.5% (20 sec. each response)

- ▶ Oral: 12.5% (2 minutes to respond)

Class Requirements

Class attendance & participation is critical

Reading & listening practices in class 2-3 / week

Homework: something will be assigned each class, but the assignments are reasonable

Assessments: letters, dialogues, orals, essays, vocabulary quizzes, grammar quizzes, culture quizzes, group projects