

ESPAÑOL PARA HISPANOHABLANTES

Welcome to the Heritage Speakers Spanish class! You already have the advantage of being bilingual. You come to this class with the ability to communicate in two languages, which is a huge asset in today's increasingly global society. Spanish is the second most used language in the United States and the ability to communicate in Spanish effectively is more and more important in the business, education, and government sectors. But despite the advantages of already speaking Spanish and English, you probably haven't had many opportunities to read and write in Spanish in an academic setting. This year we will be doing a variety of activities with the purpose of reinforcing the language skills you currently have, as well as improving your skills in reading and writing. We will also learn more about the history and culture of various countries in the Spanish-speaking world. In this way, you will become better prepared to face the challenges of a multilingual and multicultural world.



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JUDGEMENT-FREE ZONE!



*Growth
Mindset*

In this class you will need to have a growth mindset. A growth mindset is a belief that intelligence and abilities can be developed through hard work. Making mistakes in Spanish is part of the learning process. We will all make mistakes as we grow together.

Bring to class

- Computer (charged)
- Composition Notebook
- Pen and Pencil
- Positive attitude



CORE COMPONENTS



- Reading
- Writing
- Culture
- Community



WRITING



We will practice writing in this class by using mentor texts (example texts) to guide us. Journal prompts will give us ideas for writing warm-ups. In those moments, don't stress about your spelling or accents, just let your Spanish come out on paper as you express your thoughts.

CULTURE

In this class we celebrate culture! Latin American culture is at the heart of this class. You will find that many of our topics relate back to the history, practices, and products of Latin America. This class is a heritage class, meaning that many of you have cultural heritage that connects you to Latin American traditions. This class aims to help you preserve your heritage language as well as the traditions and cultural knowledge of your family.

READING



Reading in Spanish is the key for your growth as a writer. Just like you learned to speak Spanish by hearing it spoken, in order to write in Spanish you need to see it written out. In this class, we will start with ten minutes of *lectura libre* every day. We will also read novels and short stories in order to see as much Spanish written out as possible. Even if you don't have much experience with reading in Spanish, that's okay! We are all at different reading levels. It's okay to choose a very easy book for *lectura libre*. And it's also okay to switch books if you don't like the one you chose. Reading should be enjoyable! Reading is a passport to countless adventures. :)

COMMUNITY



We will discuss topics in this class that require understanding and trust among students. This needs to be a safe place for students to share their experiences, so there is no tolerance for bullying or making fun of others. If you have any concerns at all about bullying, please notify the teacher.

Respect





First and foremost, we are humans.



Every voice matters- my students' identities and experiences are valid.



You can learn something from everyone.



Policies & Procedures



Attendance

Please arrive on time to class. If you are absent, check Google Classroom to see what you missed. If you still have doubts after checking Google Classroom, ask the teacher if there are any materials you need to get copies of. If you plan to take a trip and will miss class, please give your teacher advance notice so they can prepare materials for you to take with you.

Academic Honesty

Writing in Spanish will be a valuable skill for your future career life so we want to cultivate that here. It's okay to look up words online if you aren't sure how to spell them but do not paste whole paragraphs into Google Translate. Our goal is to improve your writing, and using Google Translate like that undermines the process. Academic integrity is being honest and responsible with regard to your schoolwork. If it is clear you copied someone else's work or used Google Translate for entire paragraphs, you will be given a 0.

Late Work

Late work is only accepted for two weeks past the due date.

Extra Credit

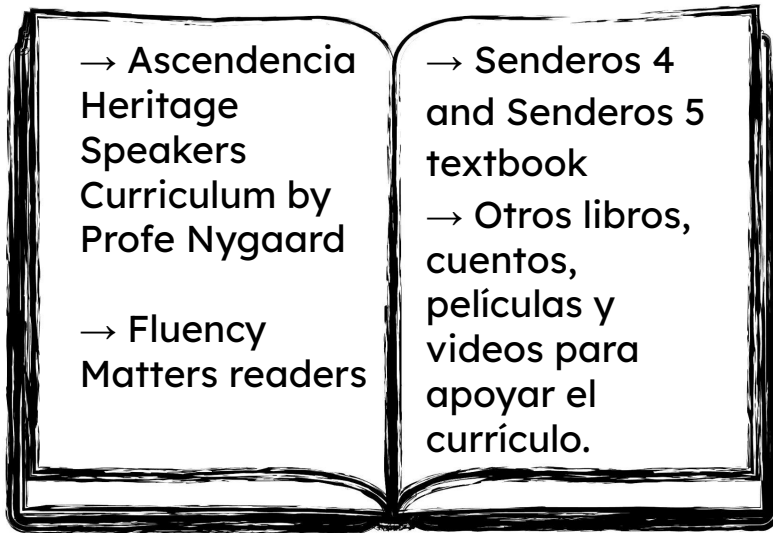
There may be opportunities to earn extra credit on assessments, projects, and/or homework assignments.

Technology

Computers should be charged and brought to class everyday. Cell phones are only permitted if the teacher has given special permission during work time.



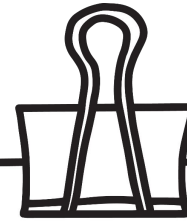
Curriculum & other Resources



Topics we will cover this year



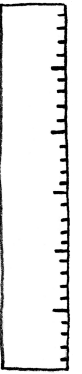
✓	Get to know each other
✓	Managing change
✓	Growth and fixed mindsets
✓	Bullfighting
✓	Spanish Speaking countries
✓	Accent marks and punctuation
✓	Bilingualism
✓	Translation and interpreting
✓	Latino Representation



Assessment

You will be assessed through quizzes, tests, exams, and projects.

We do a lot of project-based learning in this class because it gives you a hands on way to showcase what you have learned.



Standards

Learning objectives are aligned with standards from ACTFL, Teaching for Social Justice, and Language Arts.

Grammar

There is not a big emphasis on grammar in this class. This course is taught with a content-based instruction method. If you are interested in learning more grammar, you can always ask the teacher for additional materials.

EXTRA NOTES

