

SPANISH FOR SPANISH-SPEAKERS 1

Prerequisite

Native or near-native oral fluency in Spanish, continuous Spanish immersion education, or teacher permission

Description

Spanish for Spanish Speakers is designed for students who use the Spanish language at home and who desire to read and write in Spanish (a Spanish Language Arts class):

- Practice various aspects of writing including spelling, punctuation, accent marks, etc.
- Organize ideas in writing and in communicating
- Develop academic language so that one can have a conversation entirely in Spanish
- Connect abilities in Spanish to other classes such as English language arts, social studies, and theatre
- Discuss and write in depth about topics pertinent to the Spanish-speaking world

Recommended Background

Students will be successful with a positive attitude and perseverance. Students are expected to turn in assignments on time. Students should use their experiences at home and in the community to make connections to what we are doing in the classroom. Students will stay in Spanish language at all times during class (at the very beginning of the year Spanglish will be accepted). Students will work on using academic Spanish instead of conversational Spanish to communicate about interesting materials in Spanish both inside and outside of class. Students who are concerned about their performance in this class should seek opportunities outside of class to use their academic language skills in a meaningful way.

Assessment

Students will complete performance-based assessments by writing in a variety of text types and speaking in different contexts.