

Spanish B

Overview

The Pierce Middle School World Language Program aims to give students strong language instruction, along with insight into the culture of the target language. Students will make connections between curriculum content and the community at large. They will gain insight into their own language and culture through comparison and contrast. Their World Language education is designed to reinforce the areas of writing practice, grammar review, vocabulary, and syntax while adhering to the national standards. Students will practice higher level thinking skills through lesson design that utilizes analysis, deductive reasoning, summary and synthesis. Lesson planning takes into consideration differentiated instruction and a wide range of formative and summative assessment. Each year begins with a review of the fundamentals of the previous curriculum. Because of the cumulative nature of language, new lessons build upon and expand on these foundations from grade six to grade eight.

Transition from Lower Grades

Students in grade six who have studied Spanish in the elementary grades for five years may continue to study Spanish in grades six through eight to complete the equivalent of two years of High School Spanish. Students who have completed all five years of Spanish are placed in *Spanish B* at the Middle School.

Students will be able to

By the end of Spanish B, students will be able to use the target language to:

- Greet others, talk about the weather
- Talk about what they do and when
- Describe people and places
- Talk on the telephone; extend and accept invitations
- Make plans and talk about getting ready
- Talk about meals and food
- Order food in a restaurant; asking for a pay for the bill
- Discuss gift suggestions
- Asking for and giving directions downtown
- Comment on clothing
- Making comparisons
- Express preferences
- Asking about prices and paying for something
- Talk about what they are doing right now
- Asking for and giving an opinion
- Tell a friend what to do
- Talk about past events
- Describe characteristics of a typical Spanish speaking family

Reading Skills

Students will improve reading comprehension using:

- context clues

- images
- subtitles
- titles
- summaries
- predictions

Writing Skills

Students will enhance writing skills through:

- pre-writing activities
- scaffolding activities
- graphic organizers
- rough draft
- self editing, proofreading, error analysis
- dictionary and thesaurus skills
- redaction

Listening Skills

Students will develop listening skills through:

- hearing modeled pronunciation
- understanding and interpreting authentic media
- dictations
- summary
- aural interpretation and synthesis
- graphic representations of spoken content

Speaking and Communication Skills

Student will develop speaking skills through:

- schema activation
- mind mapping
- word banks
- pronunciation practice
- echoing
- improvisation
- refining oral expression

Assessments

Student's abilities and skills are developed and measured through a wide range of formative and summative assessments and activities, such as:

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| • skits | • media comparison and contrast |
| • hands-on activities | • oral presentations and reports |
| • essays and creative writing | • exams |
| • poems and songs | • quizzes |
| • kinesthetic activities | • homework |
| • music | • participation |
| • videos | |

Texts and Materials

Mundo Real 1 textbook (Part 2), workbook and online resources
Authentic supplemental materials



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I help my student if I don't know the language?

A: Utilize extra-help sessions offered by teachers; help with organization of materials, assignments, due dates, time management and check agenda books on a daily basis.

Q: Are there any additional resources my child can use at home to strengthen skills?

A: See **Useful Websites** below

Useful Websites

- www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish
- www.cvc.cervantes.es/ensenanza/mimundo/default.htm
- www.studyspanish.com
- www.conjuguemos.com
- www.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php
- www.uni.edu/becker/Spanish3.html
- www.my.hrw.com