

10th Grade American Online School

SPANISH LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

Language Proficiency and Cultural Exploration

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1. Introduction

The Role of Spanish Language in 10th Grade

Learning a world language like Spanish enhances communication skills, cultural awareness, and global understanding. This 10th grade curriculum provides students with the linguistic tools and cultural knowledge necessary to communicate effectively in Spanish-speaking environments while also developing an appreciation for Hispanic cultures, traditions, and global impact.

By the end of this course, students will:

- ✓ **Communicate effectively in spoken and written Spanish in real-life situations.**
- ✓ **Expand their vocabulary and master advanced grammar concepts.**
- ✓ **Read and analyze Spanish literature, newspapers, and media.**
- ✓ **Understand cultural traditions, history, and geography of Spanish-speaking countries.**
- ✓ **Engage in meaningful conversations and debates in Spanish.**

2. Core Competence Areas

SP.1 Speaking and Listening in Spanish

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Engage in basic to intermediate-level conversations in Spanish.
- ✓ Understand spoken Spanish in different accents and contexts.
- ✓ Ask and respond to questions using correct pronunciation and sentence structure.

Competencies

SP.1.A.1 – Developing conversational fluency.

- Practice common greetings, introductions, and everyday phrases.
- Learn how to ask for and give directions, order food, and describe daily activities.
- Improve pronunciation and listening comprehension through dialogues and recordings.

SP.1.A.2 – Understanding spoken Spanish in various contexts.

- Listen to native speakers through videos, audio recordings, and interactive activities.
- Recognize key phrases and vocabulary in formal and informal situations.
- Learn to distinguish regional accents and common slang expressions.

SP.2 Reading and Writing in Spanish

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Read short texts, news articles, and stories in Spanish.
- ✓ Write coherent sentences, paragraphs, and short essays using correct grammar.
- ✓ Use Spanish vocabulary to describe events, places, and personal experiences.

Competencies

SP.2.A.1 – Improving reading comprehension.

- Read short stories, news articles, and dialogues to build vocabulary.
- Learn to identify main ideas and supporting details in written texts.
- Develop strategies for understanding unfamiliar words in context.

SP.2.A.2 – Developing writing skills in Spanish.

- Write simple sentences, descriptive paragraphs, and short personal narratives.
- Use present, past, and future tenses correctly in writing.
- Learn how to structure formal and informal letters, emails, and messages.

SP.3 Spanish Grammar and Sentence Structure

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Understand and use essential Spanish grammar rules.
- ✓ Form complete sentences using proper conjugation and syntax.
- ✓ Apply grammar knowledge in speaking and writing activities.

Competencies

SP.3.A.1 – Mastering basic and intermediate grammar rules.

- Learn verb conjugations in present, past, and future tenses.
- Understand the use of nouns, adjectives, pronouns, and prepositions.
- Recognize and use question words, negations, and connectors.

SP.3.A.2 – Applying grammar in communication.

- Use subject-verb agreement correctly in sentences.
- Form affirmative and negative sentences.
- Understand the use of ser vs. estar, por vs. para, and direct vs. indirect object pronouns.

SP.4 Spanish Culture and Global Connections

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ **Recognize and appreciate cultural traditions from Spanish-speaking countries.**
- ✓ **Understand the influence of Spanish on world history, art, music, and literature.**
- ✓ **Explore cultural differences and similarities between Hispanic and non-Hispanic societies.**

Competencies

SP.4.A.1 – Learning about Hispanic traditions and customs.

- Explore festivals, holidays, and celebrations (e.g., Día de los Muertos, La Tomatina).
- Learn about regional cuisines, music, and dance styles.
- Understand social norms and customs in different Spanish-speaking countries.

SP.4.A.2 – Recognizing the impact of the Spanish language and culture.

- Study famous Spanish-speaking artists, authors, and historical figures.
- Learn about Spanish colonial history and its influence on modern societies.
- Discuss global Spanish-speaking communities and their contributions.

3. Assessment and Evaluation

Formative Assessments – Checking Progress Through Interactive Learning

- ✓ **Speaking assessments through class discussions and dialogues.**
- ✓ **Listening comprehension quizzes based on recorded conversations.**
- ✓ **Short writing assignments and peer-reviewed essays.**

Summative Assessments – Final Projects and Exams

- ✓ **Oral presentations on cultural topics or personal experiences.**
- ✓ **Grammar and vocabulary quizzes to measure language proficiency.**
- ✓ **A final written project, such as a travel guide or cultural analysis essay.**

Authentic Assessment – Real-World Applications

- ✓ Students engage in Spanish conversations with native speakers or classmates.
 - ✓ Cultural immersion projects where students cook a dish or create a presentation about a Spanish-speaking country.
 - ✓ Translation exercises of simple documents, advertisements, or song lyrics.
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4. Instructional Strategies for Online Learning

Inquiry-Based and Problem-Based Learning

- ✓ Case studies on cultural interactions between Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking communities.
- ✓ Discussions on the importance of bilingualism in professional and social settings.

Project-Based Learning (PBL)

- ✓ Students create Spanish-language digital portfolios, including writing samples and recordings.
- ✓ Group projects on Hispanic heritage and traditions.

Technology-Integrated Learning

- ✓ Use of language-learning apps (Duolingo, Babbel, Rosetta Stone) for independent practice.
- ✓ Virtual exchanges with students from Spanish-speaking countries.