

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade American Online School

## SPANISH LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

### Language Proficiency and Cultural Competence

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## 1. Introduction

### The Role of Spanish Language in 11th Grade

In 11th grade, Spanish education focuses on expanding communication skills, fluency, and cultural awareness. This curriculum emphasizes real-world language use, advanced grammar, literature, and cross-cultural understanding to help students effectively communicate in Spanish-speaking environments.

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 Advanced Spanish Communication

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- ✓ Engage in extended conversations on a variety of topics.
- ✓ Understand and use idiomatic expressions and formal/informal speech.
- ✓ Develop fluency and confidence in speaking and listening.

#### Competencies

##### SP.1.A.1 – Improving conversational fluency.

- Practice asking and answering complex questions.
- Engage in role-playing activities, interviews, and debates.
- Learn regional accents, dialects, and cultural nuances.

##### SP.1.A.2 – Strengthening listening comprehension.

- Understand Spanish podcasts, news reports, and songs.
- Watch films and videos in Spanish without subtitles.
- Analyze formal and informal speech patterns in different settings.

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### SP.2 Spanish Grammar and Writing

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- ✓ Master advanced Spanish grammar structures.
- ✓ Write well-structured essays, reports, and letters.
- ✓ Understand and use formal and informal writing styles.

## Competencies

### SP.2.A.1 – Mastering advanced grammar concepts.

- Use subjunctive and conditional tenses correctly.
- Apply complex sentence structures and transition words.
- Learn comparative and superlative forms in various contexts.

### SP.2.A.2 – Developing effective writing skills.

- Write narrative essays, argumentative pieces, and research reports.
  - Understand punctuation, spelling, and stylistic rules in Spanish.
  - Use descriptive and persuasive writing techniques.
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## SP.3 Spanish Literature and Media

### Learning Outcomes

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

- ✓ **Analyze literary works from Spanish-speaking authors.**
- ✓ **Compare different genres, including poetry, short stories, and novels.**
- ✓ **Understand cultural and historical contexts of Spanish literature.**

### Competencies

#### SP.3.A.1 – Exploring Spanish literature.

- Read and analyze works by authors such as Miguel de Cervantes, Gabriel García Márquez, and Isabel Allende.
- Discuss themes, symbolism, and historical background in literature.
- Compare classic and modern Spanish literature.

#### SP.3.A.2 – Understanding Spanish-language media.

- Analyze news articles, social media, and advertisements in Spanish.
- Watch Spanish-language films and discuss cultural themes.

## **SP.4 Hispanic Culture, History, and Geography**

### **Learning Outcomes**

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

- ✓ **Understand key historical events in Spanish-speaking countries.**
- ✓ **Explore cultural traditions, music, and festivals.**
- ✓ **Analyze the geographical diversity of Spanish-speaking nations.**

### **Competencies**

#### **SP.4.A.1 – Exploring Hispanic traditions and celebrations.**

- Learn about Día de los Muertos, La Tomatina, and Carnaval.
- Understand cultural customs and etiquette in different Spanish-speaking regions.
- Explore the impact of colonialism and independence movements.

#### **SP.4.A.2 – Understanding geography and regional differences.**

- Study the geography and climates of Spain, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- Compare dialects, traditions, and cuisines of Spanish-speaking countries.
- Examine migration patterns and their effects on language and culture.

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## **SP.5 Real-World Application and Professional Use**

### **Learning Outcomes**

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

- ✓ **Use Spanish for real-world communication and career opportunities.**
- ✓ **Practice writing resumes, job applications, and formal emails in Spanish.**
- ✓ **Engage in professional conversations and presentations in Spanish.**

## Competencies

### **SP.4.A.1 – Applying Spanish in professional and travel settings.**

- Learn business Spanish vocabulary and workplace communication.
- Practice ordering food, asking for directions, and handling transactions in Spanish.
- Explore career opportunities requiring Spanish proficiency.

### **SP.5.A.2 – Preparing for Spanish proficiency exams.**

- Practice reading, writing, listening, and speaking exercises.
  - Take mock exams for DELE (Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera) or AP Spanish.
  - Learn test-taking strategies for language proficiency assessments.
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## 3. Assessment and Evaluation

### **Formative Assessments – Checking Progress Through Interactive Learning**

- ✓ Speaking and listening evaluations through recorded dialogues.
- ✓ Grammar and vocabulary quizzes.
- ✓ Reading comprehension exercises with authentic Spanish texts.

### **Summative Assessments – Final Projects and Exams**

- ✓ Oral presentations on Spanish culture or literature.
- ✓ Essay writing assignments on historical events or personal experiences.
- ✓ Final exam covering listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills.

### **Authentic Assessment – Real-World Applications**

- ✓ Students create a travel vlog in Spanish.
  - ✓ Collaboration with Spanish-speaking students for language exchange.
  - ✓ Participation in a cultural immersion field trip or virtual exchange.
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## 4. Instructional Strategies for Online Learning

### Inquiry-Based and Problem-Based Learning

- ✓ Students research and present on global Spanish-speaking communities.
- ✓ Case studies on the influence of Spanish in international business and politics.

### Project-Based Learning (PBL)

- ✓ Students produce a Spanish-language podcast or news segment.
- ✓ Create a multimedia presentation comparing Spanish dialects.

### Technology-Integrated Learning

- ✓ Use of AI-powered language tools like Duolingo, Babbel, or Rosetta Stone.
- ✓ Virtual reality (VR) cultural experiences in Spanish-speaking countries.
- ✓ Online collaboration with Spanish-speaking students worldwide.

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