

Naperville North High School

Spanish Language & Culture for Spanish Speakers Syllabus 2023/2024



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District Mission

To educate students to be self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers, and community contributors.

Department Mission

To enable students to communicate effectively in the target language, to understand the cultures that support the language, to see connections between language study and other disciplines, and to appreciate what it means to be college-, career-, and world-ready.

Course Description

This is the recommended 9th grade course for students who have exited the Dual Language program and students who have developed advanced proficiency in Spanish, such as heritage speakers. The course builds upon the themes introduced in the Spanish Language Culture and Spanish Language Literature courses at the junior-high level. The course will be conducted entirely in Spanish and will focus on further developing linguistic and cultural competence as well as literacy skills.

Course Textbook & Resources

Galería 2 (available online at www.vhlcentral.com)

Course Standards & Weights

Presentational communication (speaking and writing)
Interpersonal communication (speaking and writing)
Interpretive communication (reading and listening)
The standards are not weighted within Practice, Evidence, or Final Exam gradebook categories.

Units of Study:

1st Semester

Unit 1: ¿Quiénes somos? (AP Theme: Personal & Public Identity)
Unit 2: ¿Cómo nos relacionamos? (AP Theme: Families & Communities)
Unit 3: Nuestros sentimientos y emociones (AP Theme: Contemporary Life)
Unit 4: La geografía humana y la emigración (AP Theme: Families & Communities)

2nd Semester

Unit 5: La herencia española en otras culturas (AP Theme: Beauty & Aesthetics)
Unit 6: El desarrollo económico y la salud del planeta (AP Theme: Global Challenges)
Unit 7: El desarrollo de los medios de comunicación (AP Theme: Science & Technology)
Unit 8: La ciencia y la tecnología en nuestro entorno (AP Theme: Science & Technology)

Grade Calculation Definitions

Students will be provided with multiple and varied opportunities to demonstrate mastery of learning standards. Although varied in content, all courses will include examples of practice and evidence of learning:

- **Evidence of Learning:** Tasks or assessments where feedback is provided to the student and considered evidence of a student's level of proficiency on a given standard or skill. This may include, but is not limited to formative tasks that provide insights on areas for growth as well as summative tests, projects and/or performances.
- **Practice:** Tasks that are connected to course standards and learning targets that promote the development of skills and/or knowledge that will be assessed, but where feedback is not provided. This may include, but is not limited to daily readings, note taking, practice exercises and tasks essential to the learning process.



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Grading Disbursement

Semester grades for all classes (prior to the final exam) will be calculated by a weighted average. As part of the calculation for the overall semester grade, final exams/projects will not exceed 15% of the semester grade.

A = 100-90%, B = 89-80%, C = 79-70%, D = 69-60%, F = 59-0%

Semester Grade:

- Coursework = 85% (Evidence of Learning = 90%, Practice= 10%)
- Final Exam = 15% *Final Exam Format:* Performance based

Grading Practices

Grades communicate each student's progress toward mastery of goals/standards for the course.

- Infinite Campus Symbols/Comments:
 - A score of "Missing" (M) will indicate an assessment has not been turned in and the comments section will include a specific date by which students can still submit. After that date, a zero (0) will be recorded.
 - Any score may also have a comment indicating the due date, turned in, late, reassessment eligibility including the timeline and/or reassessment final scores.
 - A zero indicates that no attempt was made by the student. If a legitimate attempt is made on an assessment and practice work has been completed in a consistent and timely manner (*completing 80% of practice listed in Infinite Campus.*), a score of 50% will be the lowest possible grade.
- Late Work:
 - Evidence of Learning work submitted after the original due date cannot be penalized more than a total of 10% and can be submitted for credit up to 5 days after the original due date.
 - Practice Work is not accepted for credit after the due date.
- Other:
 - No extra credit will be issued.

Academic Integrity Code

District 203 students are challenged to address the academic process enthusiastically, diligently, and most importantly, honestly. It is the responsibility of our students, teachers, and administration to uphold the fundamental academic values of honesty, responsibility, fairness, respect, and trust. The integrity of our district's academic programs is built upon these principles.

Academic integrity violations include cheating; plagiarism, self-plagiarism or copy infringement; obtaining or providing an unfair advantage; falsification of documents; unauthorized access to records; and inappropriate collaboration, whether intentional or unintentional. The classroom teacher and administration will collaborate and exercise professional judgment in determining academic integrity violations.

The use of translating devices and/or direct translation from a native speaker or tutor is strictly forbidden. You must do your own work. Remember: There is a significant difference between getting help and having something or someone else do your work for you. There are consequences both academic and non-academic for students who do not adhere to this policy. All District and school academic integrity policies apply to this course. Violations will be tracked and added during your time at NNHS.



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Reassessment Policy

The purpose of reassessment is to allow students to demonstrate mastery of course standards in which they remain deficient. Higher reassessment grades will replace the original assessment score, but will not exceed 80%.

- Practice work is not eligible for reassessment.
- Evidence of Learning work with a score below 80% is eligible for reassessment if students have:
 - Demonstrated readiness through timely and consistent completion of practice work. *This means completing 80% of practice listed in Infinite Campus.*
 - Completed designated learning experiences as assigned by the teacher.
- Timeline: Reassessments must be completed 5 school days after the student receives feedback (unless otherwise determined by the instructor).
- Project-Based Assessments that include multiple opportunities for feedback and improvement in the assessment process will represent multiple attempts and be considered a reassessment

Student Communication

- You are encouraged to speak directly with your teacher regarding questions.
- Teachers make every effort to respond to emails within 24 hours during the workweek..

Additional Resources for Support

- You can make an appointment with your teacher should you need additional instruction or support in learning material.
- You can drop in to work with a peer tutor during lunch periods or before school in the Literacy Center.

Parents or Guardians Partnership

Naperville North believes in a collective partnership with parents/guardians which provides students the best opportunities for success.

Some ways parents/guardians can support their student's learning are:

- Actively check Infinite Campus for their student's grades.
 - Infinite Campus is a tool to progress monitor student work until the final course grade is posted.
 - Monthly progress grades are posted and represent the current grade of a student in the course at that moment in time.
- Discuss missing assignments, reiterate due dates, help organize folders, materials, assignment notebooks, and review upcoming projects and assessments.
- Teachers make every effort to respond to parent emails and phone calls within 24 hours during the work week.
- The best way to communicate with teachers is through email; however, if you haven't received a response within 48 hours, please resend the email or call their voicemail. Your email may have been filtered.