

Spanish Curriculum for Middle School (Grades 6, 7 and 8)

The purpose of the Spanish program for middle school (grades 6, 7 & 8) is to have students gain an understanding of the fundamental rules of the Spanish language. Students will be encouraged to develop an extensive vocabulary that they will utilize throughout the entire academic year. We will utilize the textbook on a regular basis. Students will master grammatical rules, the conjugation of verbs and other concepts that they will utilize in high school. Although the traditional grammar-based text book approach may not be a fun approach; it is essential to use this in middle school to ensure students will achieve success when they take Spanish in high school.

In 6th grade, we will concentrate heavily on building a vocabulary base and introducing the basic concepts of the Spanish language. We will begin the year by talking about the Spanish heritage and culture in Mexico, Central America and South America. In 7th & 8th grade, we will begin the year with a comparison of the English and Spanish languages. We will also concentrate heavily on establishing and expanding the student's vocabulary.

In Grades 6, 7 and 8 students will:

- Establish and expand a vocabulary base
- Learn grammatical rules for the Spanish language
- Work on improving their pronunciation of the Spanish language
- Continue to work on their conversation skills in Spanish
- Be introduced to the verb conjugation of ar, er, and ir verbs
- Learn the noun-verb agreement in the present tense
- Learn how to count from 1-100 in Spanish
- Learn how to tell time in Spanish
- Learn to compare and contrast the verb ser and estar
- Learn the days of the week and months of the year
- Be introduced to difficult verbs like gustar, ir, tener, hacer and decir
- Learn how to ask questions in Spanish
- Learn articles of clothing in Spanish
- Learn about the culture and customs of Mexico and the countries of Central America and South America
- Learn about Spanish foods
- Learn interesting facts and differences about the Spanish language and the Spanish and Latin American cultures
- Students in grade 8 will be introduced to the past tense (preterit and imperfect) of Spanish verbs
- Be given homework, assignments, quizzes, tests and projects throughout the academic year
- Realize that learning a foreign language can be easy and fun