

**SPANISH:** Our Spanish program gives our students the basic skills in the areas outlined in the National Standards as set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparison, and Communities. Recognized how prevalent the Spanish and Hispanic cultures are in our local communities, our goal is to introduce our students to Spanish as a second language. At the end of eighth grade, the student will have taken the equivalent of a Spanish I course.

**Overview:**

Spanish, across the grades levels five to eight, introduces, refines, and masters the following:

Sampling of topics covered: · Communication · Cultures · Connections · Comparison · Communities

**Grades 5- 6**

- Proper greetings and addressing a classmate or teacher
- Proper vocabulary to speak about
- Weather
- Parts of the body
- Date, day of the week, month
- Foods
- Numbers

**Grades 7-8**

All of the above, as well as:

- More advanced vocabulary.
- Irregular verbs “ser” and “estar”
- Correct use of the present tense of -ar, -er, and -ir verbs.
- Use of verb phrases “tener que...” and “ir a...”
- Expressing possession with “de” or possessive adjectives.
- Express what they like or are interested in.
- Reading a brief paragraph like Don Quixote and answer questions.
- Discuss Latin American heroes
- Locate several Spanish speaking countries on a map
- Use basic arithmetic terms
- Learn about birthday and holiday celebrations.
- Identify signs in Spanish in supermarkets, malls, and other public places.
- Learn about areas of the United States that have a dominant Hispanic influence.
- Learn from Hispanic classmates about their customs and celebrations.