

CURRICULUM SYLLABUS

CURRICULUM AREA: Foreign Language

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Spanish

GRADE LEVEL: 8

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A semester course in which students learn simple vocabulary on a variety of topics and conjugation of the most basic verbs in the present tense. Emphasis is placed on correct pronunciation, which is taught using the textbook, as well as daily oral repetition and practice. Although the focus of the class is on vocabulary and grammar, enjoyable opportunities to expand knowledge of Spanish culture and customs are provided. In addition, to the text, films, books, maps, and photographs will enable the learning experience.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS / GOALS / BENCHMARKS / OBJECTIVES:

To gain an understanding and appreciation for the Spanish speaking world and its culture.

To begin developing a firm linguistic base through listening, speaking, reading and writing in Spanish.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS / MATERIALS:

Converso Mucho, National Textbook Company, 1990.

MAJOR COURSE ASSIGNMENTS / REQUIREMENTS:

Tests are given on vocabulary and grammar at the end of each unit. An exam is given on 10 weeks of course work at the end of the semester.

GRADING AND ASSESSMENTS (TESTS AND QUIZZES):

Tests account for approximately 30% of student's grade. Class work and homework account for the remaining 70%.

HOMEWORK:

Students will complete weekly homework assignments related to the lesson objectives. Homework assignments will vary depending on the skill to be mastered. Some assignments may include – textbook activities, worksheets, readings, and studying vocabulary.