



Rupert A. Nock Middle School

World Language Program

2018-2019 Syllabus

The goal of our program is to provide a novice course in learning a foreign language. Here is the general outline for each year:

Sixth Grade

We will learn the most basic elements of conversation and pronunciation, and students will be able to:

- Recite and pronounce their ABCs
- Greet people and say goodbye
- Introduce themselves and others
- Introduce family members and pets
- Ask and say how to spell names
- Say where they are from
- Exchange phone numbers
- Say what day of the week it is
- Describe the weather
- Respond to classroom instructions
- Talk about Spanish culture and history related to Spanish greetings and Cinco de Mayo, among others.

Grading for Sixth-Grade Classes: This class is graded on participation on a pass/fail basis. Students will be assessed formatively on their participation in class throughout the course.

Seventh Grade

We will review the 6th-grade materials and then cover the following topics in order gain more ability to use introductory Spanish. Students will be able to:

- Talk about activities
- Say what they like and don't like to do
- Talk about where they are from
- Use subject pronouns and "ser"
- Use definite and indefinite pronouns
- Match nouns and adjectives
- Describe themselves and others
- Identify people and things
- Talk about daily schedules -- what they have to do, when, and how often
- Ask and tell time
- Describe classes and classroom objects
- Say where things are located
- Say where they are going
- Talk about foods and beverages
- Ask questions
- Learn to use "tener" (to have)
- conjugate -ar verbs (verbs that end in -ar)
- Talk about Spanish culture and history related to the Day of the Dead and New Year's traditions, among others

Eighth Grade

We will review previously-covered material and cover the following topics to move deeper into introductory Spanish. The goal is for students to be able to

- Talk about daily schedules
- Ask and tell time
- Talk about what they have to do, when, and how often
- Describe classes and classroom objects
- Say where things are located
- Say where they are going
- Talk about how they feel
- Conjugate the verbs "tener (to have), "estar" (to be) "ir" (to go) and "hacer" (to do or make) and use them in related expressions
- Conjugate regular verbs
- Use a conjugated verb before the subject to ask a question.
- Talk about foods and beverages and say which foods they like and don't like
- Ask questions using a variety of interrogative words.
- Use "gustar" (to be pleasing) with nouns.
- Talk about Spanish culture around The Day of the Dead, Spanish Christmas celebrations, and New Year's traditions, among others.

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Grading for Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Classes: Students will be assessed on a variety of demonstrated skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking, culture, vocabulary and grammar. This will be done through a variety of activities, games, songs, quizzes, projects and short writing assignments. All scored work, including writing and quizzes, can be revised or re-taken for full credit if a student is not pleased with his or her performance, with a goal of mastering the material.

Each student needs the following (at the beginning of the year and for each class):

- A three-ring binder with notebook paper that is just for Spanish
- A three-ring pencil holder in the binder
- Two or more pencils
- Earbuds
- Chromebook

Homework policy:

- We expect students to study for each quiz. The best way is to study for five or ten minutes each day, but they can also study for an hour or so before each quiz. Students who do not study generally have to retake their quizzes.
- There will be no other assigned homework, unless students do not finish their classwork and have to bring it home.

After school extra help and make-up work days:

Sra. Latusky, Tuesdays after school
Sra. Wilczynski, Tuesdays after school

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, comments or suggestions:

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World Language Website Linked to our contacts on the R.A. Nock Middle School home page or go to <http://lwilczynski.wixsite.com/nock-world-languages>

Parents: Be sure to check out our “**Spanish Class for Parents**” on the website. So many of our students’ parents have expressed a desire to learn basic Spanish, that you might as well give it a try. Learn alongside your children and have some fun.