

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

### **SPANISH 1**

This course is a beginning course that presents the fundamentals of Spanish and provides the tools for students to acquire elementary linguistic proficiency. The course emphasizes the communicative use of all language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Special emphasis is placed on providing insights into the cultural diversity of the Spanish-speaking world.

### **SPANISH 2**

This course is an academic class designed to further the students' growth in language ability and cultural understanding. The class will be taught mainly in Spanish, in addition to being an intensified study of grammatical concepts involved in useful conversations. Students can expect homework on a daily basis and testing each week.

### **SPANISH 3**

This course is an advanced level Spanish class designed for both non-native and native Spanish speakers. The course will offer additional practice in further development of fluency through vocabulary building, reading, and writing. The course will be conducted in Spanish and is designed to foster the use of critical thinking skills and to advance the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Homework will be assigned on a daily basis.

### **SPANISH 4 (AP)**

**Prerequisite:** A grade of "A" or "B" in Spanish 3 is an essential requirement for success in this class.

This course is an academic class designed for the highly motivated and university-bound student. The focus of the Advanced Placement course is to prepare students for taking the AP Test in Language. Students will learn to develop a high degree of competence in language skills and the interpretation of literature. Recorded speaking and tests will be required. Homework will be assigned on a daily basis.



### **SPANISH for Native Speakers - Level 1**

Designed for heritage learners of Spanish, this course can accommodate students from a wide range of backgrounds, from those who are minimally functional (can comprehend Spanish but are not able to speak fluently, read or write) to those who are more proficient and/or literate in Spanish. The recommended entrance requirement for the Spanish for Native Speakers I is a native speaker medium level of proficiency in listening comprehension.

This course focuses on the development of communicative competence in reading, writing, speaking and listening and viewing, as well as on understanding Hispanic cultures and issues of identity of heritage speakers of Spanish in the United States. Students will also develop an awareness and understanding of Hispanic cultures, including language variation, customs, geography, history, and current events.

### **SPANISH for Native Speakers - Level 2**

This course is designed for heritage learners of Spanish who bring strong proficiency and literacy skills in Spanish, as well as for those who have completed Spanish for Native Speakers I. The recommended entrance requirement for the Spanish for Native Speakers II is the Intermediate-High level of proficiency in listening comprehension reading, writing, and speaking.

During this course, students will gain proficiency in using Spanish in increasingly complex ways to express thoughts on social and academic themes, interact with other speakers of the language, understand oral and written messages, make oral and written presentations, reflect on language variation, and critically view and evaluate media resources and web sites. Students will be able to understand material presented on a variety of topics related to contemporary events and issues in Hispanic communities.