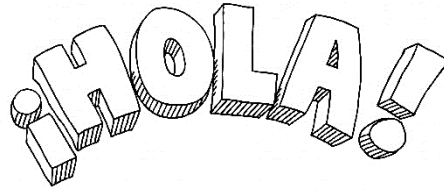


Frequently Asked Questions about Spanish 1 for Eighth Grade Students



Why should I take Spanish in 8th grade? Taking Spanish in middle school can help you to have more scheduling options when you get into high school. Plus, you can earn a high school credit for this class, which will help you to graduate on time! Also, if you decide to stick with Spanish for several years in high school, you will have a chance to be fluent in another language and learn more about world cultures by the time you graduate!

If I speak Spanish fluently, can I take this course? Yes, you can sign up for Spanish 1. However, students who are fluent speakers of Spanish may find the beginning level of this course to be too basic for their knowledge and skills. We would strongly encourage our heritage speakers to talk with their counselors about this course, their options for taking the district World Language Proficiency Test in Spanish, and high school Spanish course options. Heritage Speakers with higher levels of proficiency in Spanish may take Spanish for Heritage Speakers in Grade 9.

What if I am already in Band or want to take another elective, but I really want to take Spanish, too? You will have to choose which electives you would really like to take in your 8th grade year. The great thing is that when you go to high school, you will be able to take a variety of courses. Students can wait to start their language study in high school and still be able to take an Advanced Placement course in that language before they graduate. At the high school level, there are more choices of languages, too. Talk with your counselor if you have questions or need help making a decision.

What if I am not sure that taking a high school Spanish class is right for me? Keep in mind that Spanish 1 is a challenging high school level course. So be sure to talk with your counselor! They will help you think about your choices, your school work load, your activities outside of school, your personal goals, and your four-year plan for high school success. It's important to make the choice that is right for you right now.

Is Spanish 1 available as an elective for 6th and 7th grade students? No. At this point, we are only offering Spanish 1 as an elective for 8th grade students.

