

# Spanish 1 Syllabus

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**Text:** Abeka Spanish 1A and 1B and Vocab Book, Por Todo El Mundo  
Book 1B will be used at the end of January

## Supplies (same as fall semester):

- Notebook binder; dividers to be able to make 3 sections; notebook paper
- Set of 10 sheet protectors (for verb charts)
- Index cards (will be used to study vocabulary; stock up on 3 or 4 packs of 100)
- Google translate online --I prefer having the app on my phone--rather than a dictionary
- Access to an online source for homework--several times a week

## Objectives:

Using the text as a guide, students will practice the fundamentals of Spanish including conversation, pronunciation, sentence structure, verb conjugation, and vocabulary. Class time emphasis will be on practicing conversation, pronunciation, and teaching grammar concepts from the book for the following week's assignments. Weekly assignments, quizzes, and occasional tests will be given. Both semesters of this course should help the student achieve a full year of foreign language credit.

## Considerations:

- A homework sheet is sent home each week with assignments broken down into 4 days. Daily work on the student's part at home will be necessary in order to complete the year and keep up with the progress of the class. Expect the student to need to work on Spanish 3 to 4 days at home (about an hour or less each day). Cramming on one day is not a good idea! The homework sheet will be posted on google classroom as well. If the student is absent, please have them check google classroom for their assignment. It is the responsibility of the student to get their homework even when they are absent from a class. All video links for homework assignments can be accessed through google classroom, which provides safer viewing with no other ads or videos on the side bar.
- Daily vocabulary review will be necessary in order to master Spanish. Each lesson builds on previous vocabulary learned, and the student that is not keeping up with studying vocab can get overwhelmed. Most of the course vocabulary are posted at [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com). My username is smartercookie4, and all my class sets are accessed in one Spanish 1 file. Students can use the flashcards online, or make their own flashcards to be able to study when offline. There is also a practice test available on quizlet students can use to prepare for the class quiz.
- Online assignments give the student the opportunity to hear native speakers--and are a whole lot more engaging than writing exercises from the book! These will be an important part of the class curriculum, not just extra work, so double check that your student is spending the time on

these. Some of them are graded as a homework grade. They can be corrected until the student gets 100%.

- Each week, there will be a short vocab quiz. Students can keep up their grade by making sure they master this vocabulary.
- Some tests will be sent home to take, based on the honors system, in order to save class time. I ask that the student show a parent the test, take it in their presence, and then have the parent sign upon completion. Tests are not open book, and google translate may not be used on tests at all. The student and the parent should sign the pledge that they have followed this procedure. Unfortunately, it is too easy for students to use a phone or computer to cheat. Please follow this procedure in order to help eliminate any temptation and keep students accountable. If a student is found to have used google translate for their test or cheated in any other way, they will receive a zero on his/her test and will be suspended from class for one week according to EMMA policies.
- If your family has an important event that prevents the student completing the week's assignment, please contact me and we will work out a plan. It will be important to catch up as quickly as possible.
- Students at the high school level need to be responsible to finish every assignment. If the student is absent, has trouble with a link on a website, doesn't understand what to do, or lost their homework sheet, it is up to them to contact me in order to complete their assignments. It is fine for the students to text me if they need a quick answer so that they can complete homework anytime during the week. Coming to class without their homework or online work completed because they did not know what to do will result in a zero on a homework assignment grade.

**Assignment:** Quiz on January 11 in class on the following verbs from the verb chart A. These are all the verbs from the fall semester. It is very important to have these verbs down. They will be used many times during the spring semester. Use your break to study these verbs. Please place this chart in your notebook to reference.

## Verb Chart A

<b>ER verbs</b>		<b>AR verbs</b>		<b>IR verbs</b>	
to understand	comprender	to look at	mirar	to live	vivir
to learn	aprender	to listen	escuchar	to cover	cubrir
to eat	comer	to teach	enseñar	to discover	descubrir
to drink	beber	to ask	preguntar	to attend	asistir
to respond	responder	to answer	contestar	to decide	decidir
to sell	vender	to help	ayudar	to permit	permitir
to choose	escoger	to sing	cantar		
to see	ver	to walk	caminar		
to believe	creer	to look for	buscar		
to read	leer	to send	mandar		
		to wait for	esperar		
		to take along	llevar		
		to wear	llevar		
		to buy	comprar		
		to exchange	cambiar		