



# Spanish 1 CP Orientation Meeting

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# Course Description

- Spanish 1CP is a communication centered course. This means that the course will equally emphasize:
  - Listening
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Speaking
- Students will learn basic Spanish vocabulary and grammar.
- Students will learn about a variety of different Spanish speaking countries.

# World Language Instruction

- Create authentic interactions
- Students must have strong vocabulary retention, listening, writing, speaking and reading comprehension in the target language in order to have successful scores on assessments and be prepared to enter Spanish 2 as Freshmen.

# Textbook

- CVUSD uses the McGraw-Hill, Asi Se Dice course
- This course:
  - offers interactive online content and practices for students
  - offers iphone app (asi lo digo) for vocabulary practice (flashcards/games)
  - Has a well organized textbook and practice workbook

# Anticipated Difficulties

- How to study effectively and efficiently
- Daily study required
- Every assignment weighs heavily on grade
- Memorizing long lists of vocabulary with correct spelling
- Understanding the concept of Conjugation
- Course is fast-paced
- Cumulative learning: each chapter builds on the previous, and Spanish 2 builds on Spanish 1
- Students will often times prioritize one class over another and then get behind in other classes/cheat in other classes or in Spanish

# Prerequisites for Spanish

- Must have earned A's and/or B's in English CP or English Honors both semesters
- Recommended to have A's in English CP or English Honors
- No D's or F's in any subjects
- For students who do not automatically qualify:

## **Academic Petitions**

- If petition is approved, it will be reflected on course request that is received during Orientation, in August

# Things to consider...

- Grades earned in Spanish 1 CP at LCMS will appear on the high school transcript.
- A grade of “C” or “D” cannot be replaced on the transcript.
- Many students are not prepared to take a high school course in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Work habits/Rigor
  - Grades
- The workload of this class is that of an honors class, not a CP class.
- There is summer preparation.
- Second language study extends beyond the classroom.
- Native speakers can take Spanish for Spanish speakers in high school; this will focus on correcting grammar rather than learning introductory vocabulary
- Students earning a C or below at the end of Quarter 1 should consider dropping the course (as Quarter 1 grade will not appear on the high school transcript).

# Tips from current Spanish Students





# Required Summer Preparation

- Numbers 0-30  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ93x5PMMko>
- Spanish alphabet  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MJbHmgaeDM>
- Colors  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpLQSdu4V94>
- Days of the week  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4fREj60Crk>
- Months of the year  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKznbHvPFwc>

Questions?



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