

Spanish 1 – Syllabus 2025–2026

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Tutoring: Thursdays, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM (other times by appointment)

Course Description

Spanish I is an introduction to the Spanish language and the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. The course emphasizes **real-life communication** through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students will acquire vocabulary and expressions necessary for everyday situations and develop an appreciation for the history, geography, and customs of Spanish-speaking communities.

Textbook Encuentros 1

Course Objectives

Students will:

- Communicate in Spanish inside and outside the classroom.
- Develop an understanding of Hispanic cultures, arts, and traditions.
- Learn geography and history of Spanish-speaking countries.
- Build connections across academic subjects through Spanish.

Grading Policy

- **Minor Grades – 60%** (Quizzes, daily work, classwork, homework, participation, listening, speaking, reading, writing)
- **Major Grades – 40%** (Unit tests, projects, essays, research, and other culminating assessments)

Retakes & Recovery

- Students may retake **major assessments** after completing a relearn/reassessment plan.
- Retakes must be completed within **5 school days** of grade return.

Late Work

- Late work is accepted for up to **5 days** with a 5% deduction per day.
- After 5 days, the assignment earns a zero.

Course Policies

- **Warm-ups (Calentamientos):** Begin immediately upon entering class.
- **Class Participation:** Speaking Spanish daily is required. Completing in-class assignments.
- **Homework:** Practice Spanish at home daily (vocabulary, speaking, reviewing notes).
- **Make-up Work:** Students with excused absences have 5 days to complete assignments.

Classroom Rules

- Be prepared daily with materials.
- Respect yourself, classmates, and the teacher.
- No cell phones, headphones, earbuds, or smartwatches.
- No food or drinks (only clear water allowed).
- No profanity or disruptive behavior.
- Restroom breaks only with a pass, not during the first/last 10 minutes or during instruction.
- Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or AI misuse) will result in disciplinary action.
- Stay seated until dismissed.

Required Materials

- Charged Chromebook (daily)
- Notebook
- Pocket Folder
- Pencils/Pens (black/blue and red for corrections)
- Colored pencils

Communication

Remind App: Students/parents should join their class section using the code provided.

Email: RodriSa1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

Remind codes by class period:

- First Period: @bc432e9h
- Third Period: @ek6fcck
- Fourth Period: @h2kc8g
- Sixth Period: @f7a3273
- Seventh Period: @e86k44

To sign up for class reminders, please visit: www.remind.com/join

Canvas: Daily assignments, quizzes, and announcements are posted. Students are responsible for checking Canvas when absent.

Success Tips

- Come prepared and ready to learn daily.
- Ask questions and seek help when needed.
- Be consistent in practicing Spanish both inside and outside class.
- Support classmates in maintaining a positive, collaborative environment.

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