# **Spanish I – Course Syllabus 2025–2026**

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## **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**

## **Learning Targets**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

* **Interpretive Listening:** Recognize familiar words and phrases when listening in Spanish.
* **Interpretive Reading:** Identify familiar words and phrases when reading in Spanish.
* **Interpersonal Speaking:** Ask and answer questions on familiar topics using memorized and practiced words/phrases.
* **Presentational Writing:** Write lists and short passages to present information about themselves and familiar topics.

## **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 (Opening):** Begin immediately upon entering class.
* **Class Participation:** Speaking Spanish daily is required.
* **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.

## **Required Materials**

* Charged Chromebook (daily)
* Notebook
* 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:** [rodrica1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:rodrica1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)

**Remind codes by class period:**

* Seventh Period: @6ac623f

**To sign up for class reminders**, please visit: [www.remind.com/join](http://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.

**Welcome Message**

¡Bienvenidos a Español 1!

Everyone can learn a language. It may feel messy at times, but progress comes with practice. Let’s work together to build your confidence in communicating in Spanish!