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Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

Secondary Level Spanish Bilingual Immersion Program

Romig Middle School 7th and 8th grade

West High School 9th – 12th grade

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First graduating class, 2006

la cultura
el lenguaje
el camino

extracurricular activities

- Community service
- Travel to Spanish-speaking countries
- Summer work opportunities at Government Hill
- Declamation Contest
- Multilingual Marvels
- Spanish Club



Third graduating class, 2008

la amistad
las experiencias

questions frequently asked

What are the benefits of continuing with the program through high school?

- Earn college credit and save money while in high school! Students who score 3 or higher on both AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature Exams will receive 16 credits at UAA and save over \$2000!
- Increase your job opportunities and salary potential! Years of Spanish study will greatly enhance your resume for any career. There is an increasing demand for bilingual employees.
- Develop your critical and creative thinking skills! Learning in two languages helps you do well in all your classes.

How does the program work at the middle school level?

Both years, 7th and 8th grade, students take two courses in Spanish, social studies and Spanish language arts. The curriculum is integrated and students learn through social studies themes while reading Spanish literature and refining writing and grammar skills.

How does the program work at the high school level?

Students will take an advanced Spanish elective class each year.

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Vistas Juveniles del Mundo Hispano	Spanish V	Perspectivas Literarias	Estudios Latinoamericanos
—	Perspectivas Literarias	Estudios Latinoamericanos	AP Language
—	—	AP Language	AP Literature

How do I decide which course to take?

Students are assessed in 9th grade to determine individual Spanish language skill levels. Test results, teacher recommendations, and student goals will determine which course an immersion student should take.

What is the ASD Language Immersion Completion Cord?

Students who complete the immersion program in their senior year earn the ASD "Language Immersion Completion Cord" to wear at the West High School graduation ceremony.

course descriptions

7th Grade Spanish Language

Students will increase and refine their communication skills in Spanish through conversation, vocabulary building, grammar, composition, and appropriate Spanish literature.

7th Grade Geography

Students will learn the same content as the ASD seventh grade social studies program which includes Alaska, physical and political geography, people and their relationship to their environment.

8th Grade Spanish Language

Students will increase and refine their communication skills in Spanish through conversation, vocabulary building, grammar, composition, and appropriate Spanish literature.

8th Grade Social Studies

Students will learn the same content as the ASD eighth grade social studies program which includes historiography and American history themes.

9th Grade Vistas Juveniles del Mundo Hispano

Students will compare and contrast aspects of Hispanic culture with their own through in-depth study of themes such as families, ecology, immigration, heroes and leaders, myths and legends.

10th or 11th Grade Perspectivas Literarias

Students will refine literacy and oral skills through new cultural perspectives using authentic texts and various genres. This is a preliminary course to Advanced Placement coursework.

11th or 12th Grade Estudios Latinoamericanos

Students learn about contemporary and historical issues in Latin America while reinforcing and expanding their Spanish grammar, vocabulary, and fluency in this content integrated course.

11th or 12th Grade AP Spanish Language

Students develop their language skills in advanced composition and conversation in this beginning college level course. Students read, write, analyze and synthesize information from authentic texts.

12th Grade AP Spanish Literature

Students will complete university-level course work in Spanish literature. Students will read, discuss and analyze literary works from more than 30 authors from different centuries.

las aventuras



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