



Hackensack Middle School Spanish 5 Course Syllabus

Mission Statement

The Hackensack Middle School World Language Mission is to nurture and cultivate culturalism/biliteracy while making connections with diverse backgrounds through inter-disciplinary content rich thematic units. We encourage a love/interest for learning other languages through meaningful experiences that will impact our students' lives and prepare them to be global citizens.

Course Description

Spanish 5 is an exploratory world language course incorporating listening, speaking, reading, and some writing. Students in this course meet on an alternating day one/two cycle (every other day). There is an emphasis on basic Spanish vocabulary and structures, while making use of auditory, visual, and contextual clues. Students are exposed to language, culture and geography of the Spanish-speaking world. Face-to-face exchange as well as technological collaboration enhances the progression of language acquisition and retention. New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCS) units and learning standards for this level of world language are Novice-Mid.

Class Expectations

- Come to class prepared and on time
- Homework is due in class on the due date
- Participate in class
- Make up your work when you are absent
- Schedule extra help when you need it

Expected Learning

- Getting to know one another
- Greetings (formal/informal)
- Seasons/Weather Expressions (Northern and Southern Hemispheres)→Emphasis on specific geographical regions in Spain
- Age/phone number (Practice numbers 0-30/Exposure up to 100)
- Nationality/Origin
- Dining out, mealtimes, healthy food choices/snacks, food tastes, (food pyramid)
- Personal descriptions/Descriptions of others
- Family relationships
- Vowels
- Colors
- Clothing worn in varied geographical landforms (ie. beach/mountains)
- Home activities
- Letter sounds
- Cultural celebrations (ie. Carnaval)

Materials

- Spiral notebook or binder-If you use a binder for all or most of your classes, section off an area with a divider and label "Spanish"
- Loose-leaf paper for homework assignments
- Writing utensils (pens-blue or black ink)
- Coloring supplies (crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils)

Homework

Homework may be given on occasion as reinforcement to a skill acquired in class.

Homework will be collected and checked. If it is correctly completed, the student will receive a check plus. Partially completed work will earn a check. If it is partially done and no work is shown student will receive a check minus. Any late homework receives check minus as a grade.

Any homework assignment that is given will be displayed in the classroom. It is the student's responsibility to write the homework in the student planner. Homework will also be posted on teacher's website. Go to www.hackensackschools.org/. You can find the teacher's website by clicking the link "Teacher Webpages" on the left hand side of the page.

If a student misses an assignment as a result of an illness, the student may submit the assignment the following class to receive full credit.

Students are expected to make-up all homework that is missed due to absences and/or extra-curricular activities. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that home learning assignments are up to date.

Class Rules

- Listen and follow directions
- Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Respect your classmates and your teacher

Grading system

Grade percentage values

Check system

Preparedness and class participation	25%	✓ + = 100
Homework:	10%	✓ = 85
Projects/Tests:	35%	✓ - = 70
Quizzes:	30%	
Total:	100%	