



8th Grade Language Acquisition (Spanish)

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Subject Aims

- gain proficiency in an additional language while supporting maintenance of their mother tongue and cultural heritage
- develop a respect for, and understanding of, diverse linguistic and cultural heritages
- develop the student's communication skills necessary for further language learning, and for study, work and leisure in a range of authentic contexts and for a variety of audiences and purposes
- enable the student to recognize and use language as a vehicle of thought, reflection, self-expression and learning in other subjects, and as a tool for enhancing literacy
- foster curiosity, inquiry and a lifelong interest in, and enjoyment of, language learning

Keys to Class

- **Avancemos 2** – Our textbook is from the Avancemos series and provides the overall basis for the course; other resources are also used to create a more authentic experience
- **OneNote** – Every assignment is posted OneNote, including handouts; you can check on classwork, homework, study guides, reflections and resources.
- **Homework/Study** – Homework is often assigned to prep for an upcoming lesson or review specific material; on days students do not have homework, they are expected to study 15-20mins to reinforce material learned in class
- **Participation** – Students need to participate in class 5 times each week, so they can get direct feedback on their developing language skills.

I.B. Grading Criteria

Objective A: Comprehending Spoken and Visual Text	Can we understand the meaning and purpose of what we hear and see? Can we make a personal response?
Objective B: Comprehending Written and Visual Text	Can we understand the meaning and purpose of what we read and see? Can we make a personal response?
Objective C: Communicating in Response to Spoken, Written, and Visual Text	Can we communicate in a variety of situations? Can we express our thoughts? Can we speak and write for specific purposes?
Objective D: Using Language in Spoken and Written Form	Can we organize our thoughts and information effectively? Can we speak and write with accuracy?

Content Brief

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Traveling: vacations and other past events, planning a trip, at the airport, other transport On Vacation: more vacation activities, lodging, review of bargaining, more irregular preterit (past) verbs	Myths and Civilizations: common vocabulary in myths and legends, past civilizations, past participles, the imperfect (past) tense, preterit vs. imperfect, comparatives and superlatives Making Movies: making movies, types of movies, feelings, invitations, movie premiers	Shopping: going shopping, at the market, expressing opinions, review of commands, intro to the subjunctive, subjunctive conjugations Making Food: ingredients, food preparation, restaurants, using - <i>ísimo</i> , using subjunctive to express opinions, affirmatives and negatives