



Addlestone Hebrew Academy Spanish Standards

Sixth Grade

Grammar

- The Spanish Alphabet.
- Nouns and when to assign definite/indefinite articles.
 - How to form and respond to Spanish sentences/questions.
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- Subject/verb agreement: understanding that Spanish has verb forms for each subject.
- How to conjugate, and when to use, basic verbs and commonly-used irregular verbs.
- How to conjugate, and when to use, stem-changing verbs and irregular verbs.
 - How to use verb phrases to express plans, preferences, and obligations.
- Use descriptive adjectives and how to make them agree with nouns.
 - How to use Possessive Adjectives; make them agree in gender and plurality.
 - Interrogative words.

Vocabulary

- Names and capitals of Spanish-Speaking countries.
 - Classroom and school.
- Basic introductions, leaving-takings, conversation pieces and courtesies.
 - Descriptive Adjectives.
 - Family, friends and pets.
- Free time activities: sports, arts, and hobbies.
 - Daily routine: school and home.

Seventh Grade

Grammar

- Review of all grammar topics covered in 6th grade.
 - Basic adverbs.
 - Simple prepositions.
- Direct and Indirect objects, to tell to whom or for whom something is done.
- How to conjugate, and when to use, the present progressive verb form.
 - HACER to express the weather conditions.
- How to use and form comparative and superlative sentences.
- Use of the "personal a" to express action towards a human being.
 - Advance use of definite articles.
 - Contractions "al" and "del".
 - Ordinal numbers: 1st - 10th.
- Use of the diminutive ending to express a superlative, or to show affection.
- Use of Progressive Adjectives and "de" = of to show possession.
- Advance grammar: reflexive verbs, verbs GUSTAR, commands, and por v. para.

Vocabulary

- Review of all vocab topics covered in 6th grade.
 - Simple geography.
 - Simple nature and the environment.
 - Basic mathematical operations.
 - The Body.
 - Clothing.
 - Places in a town/city.
 - Giving directions.
- Professions and work expressions.

Eighth Grade

Grammar

- Review all grammar topics covered in 6th and 7th grade.
- The Past Tense: Preterite and Imperfect tenses.
 - If time permits: reflexive verbs, other verbs like GUSTAR, commands, and por v para.

Vocabulary

- Review of all vocab topics covered in 6th and 7th grade.
 - The Jewish Holidays.
- If time permits: nutrition and health, sickness, how to ask for and give instructions, phrases to speak of the past, and further shopping conversations.

Culture

- Review of 6th and 7th grade culture.
- Exploration of the people and culture of Argentina, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Chile, and the Hispanic people of the U.S.
- The spread and influence of Hispanic culture in the U.S.

Reading, Writing and Listening Skills

- Build on 6th and 7th grade reading skills. After the completion of the National Spanish Exam, the 8th grade will be introduced to Spanish literature, exploring a level of literature suitable to their abilities. The teacher will monitor their progress by visual observation and through a series of evaluations. Test and quizzes will be designed to assess each student's personal progress, allowing faster and slower readers to perform well.



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- Vacation and Travel.
 - Numbers 1-100.
 - The Home.
- Food; also vocab for restaurants and markets.

Culture

- The beginning and expansion of the Spanish/Hispanic world.
- How Spanish and indigenous cultures/languages blended in Latino America.
- A series of videos (all in Spanish) will be shown about the Spanish-speaking world.

Reading, Writing and Listening Skills

- Very basic reading skills - short paragraphs and poems.
- Fundamentals of constructing sentences and informal letters.
- Aurally analyzing 1-2 minute conversations, spoken by various native speakers.

Seventh Grade

- If time permits: nutrition, sickness, how to ask for and give instructions, phrases to speak of the past, and further shopping conversations.

Culture

- Review of 6th grade culture.
- The people and culture of Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Peru.

Reading, Writing and Listening Skills

- Build on the basic reading skills: build to multiple paragraphs and short series.
- Long letters, expressing greater grammatical accuracy and expression of thought.
- Build on basic listening skills: increase of both the difficulty of conversations they hear and of their consequent analyzation.

Eighth Grade

- Longer-length responses to questions, demonstrate a finer understanding of grammar in their writing, and eventually write a short essay on the topic of choice.
- Build on their listening skills. The difficulty of both the conversations they hear and their consequent analyzation will increase. They will be expected to respond only in Spanish, and fundamentally understand the teacher when he/she speaks with slow Spanish.

National Spanish Exam Preparation

- Throughout the majority of the 3rd quarter, students will prepare for the NSE through the NSE's online practice games, quizzes, and tests. Their individual scores will be monitored and recorded both for the quarter grade, and to measure the amount of extra preparation each student needs.
- Students will take-in-class quizzes (not the pre-made evaluations on the NSE website) to further evaluate their level of preparation prior to the exam.