

DEPARTMENT: Foreign Language

COURSE: Spanish 4H // Spanish 4H Lit (Pre-AP Courses)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

In this course, emphasis is placed on the improvement, development and refinement of the listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Grammatical concepts are reviewed contextually. Selections from Hispanic literature and authentic materials are read, discussed and analyzed. The values inherent in acquiring second-language proficiency and heightened cultural awareness of a multi-cultural society are promoted.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED:

The reading of selected short stories and poetry by noted Spanish and Latin American authors. The major topics that will be developed include: personal identification, house and home, family life, community and neighborhood, physical environment, meal taking and beverages, health and welfare, education, earning a living, public and private services, shopping, travel, and current events. These topics will be used to facilitate self-expression in Spanish.

TEXTBOOKS:

Album

Abriendo Paso - Lectura

Una vez más

Triángulo

Selections from Spanish literature and varied authentic materials including magazine and newspaper articles, videos, films and recordings. The internet

REQUIREMENTS:

- Being prepared in class each day with the covered textbook, notebook, and pen.
- Active participation in the target language.
- Careful preparation of each day's writing and studying assignment.
- Application of library research skills in cultural reports and/or projects.

GRADING PROCEDURES:

A variety of testing/assessment activities will be used to determine the students' performance in the course. These activities may include announced and unannounced quizzes, unit tests, a midterm examination and a final examination. In addition, authentic assessment techniques such as skits, oral presentations, speaking and writing portfolios, reports, etc. involving the use of authentic listening and reading materials will be highlighted. Day-to-day oral class participation in the foreign language is an integral part of the students' performance and grade.