### La Declaración de la Misión

### Mission Statement

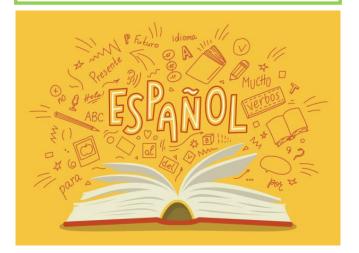
The mission of the HCS Spanish Program coincides with the mission of the school:

[to provide] a quality education in a challenging, academic environment, which promotes the student's ability to become **self-directed**, **life-long learners**.

Incorporating technology as a learning tool into the curriculum, helps meet the student's individual needs, promotes creative problem solvers, collaborative workers and effective communicators.

By fostering a safe, caring and cooperative environment, students continue to be **socially responsible citizens.** 

[We] believe it is [our] responsibility to provide all students with a quality education which meets their individual needs. It is [our] mission to provide the students, as well as the community, with continuing education and the skills necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing society.



# Los Echos Interesantes Interesting Facts

- Roughly 53 million Spanish Speakers live in the United States.
- Spanish is the most common non-English language spoken in the United States.
- Roughly 500 million people speak Spanish worldwide as their first or second language.
- Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world after Mandarin & ahead of English.
- English and Spanish share Indo-European origins;
   this is why their grammar is alike. There is probably
   no other efficient method to understanding English
   than by learning the grammar of another language!
- A number of schools and universities offer study abroad opportunities for the Spanish language.
- You will have a jump start in understanding other Latin based languages.
- Spanish bilingualism has become a competitive skill in the U.S. job market across all types of professions.

For more information about language teaching & Learning visit the website for the

American Council on the

**Teaching of** 

**Foreign Languages:** 

https://www.actfl.org/



## Bienvenidos

# a la programa de Español!

Welcome to the Spanish Program!



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## Las Clases

Classes

#### **Needed for Graduation:**

- Introduction to Spanish (Grade 8)
- Spanish 1 (Grade 9)

Checkpoint A Proficiency Exam

Students must pass both the class and final exam at the end of 9th grade.

#### **Needed for Advanced Regents Diploma:**

- Spanish 2 (Grade 10)
- Spanish 3 (Grade 11)

Checkpoint B Proficiency Exam

Students must pass both the class and final exam at the end of 11th grade.

#### **Advanced Education:**

Spanish 4 (Grade 12)

This is a dual enrollment class accredited by North Country Community College. Students who pass Spanish 4 will receive college credit and not be required to take a language once in college.



## Los Objectivos

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#### **Communication**

Students will be able to write, speak, & interpret Spanish texts related to familiar topics.

#### **Cultures**

Students will understand the practices, products, & perspectives of different cultures.

#### **Communities**

Students will be able to participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

## **Comparisons**

Students will understand how languages relate & interact with each other cross culturally.

#### **Connections**

Students will understand how language connects to other disciplines.

