



# **CASTEEL HIGH SCHOOL**

***Courage - Character - Commitment***

Casteel High School  
Department of World Languages  
AP Spanish 4; Dual Enrollment SPA 201/202 Intermediate Spanish

**Course:** AP Spanish 4; Dual Enrollment SPA 201/202 Elementary Spanish

**Classroom:** Casteel HS, Rm. A6

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**Class Times:** Following site approved block schedule

**Textbook:** Link, Sarah W., Jenn Carter and Charisse Litteken. ¡Qué chévere! 4. St. Paul, EMC Publishing: 2016.

**Live Lesson Meeting Schedule: This is when we will meet on our respective days**

<b>Period 1 and Period 2</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Period 3 and Period 4</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Period 5 and Period 6</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

## **Course Description**

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course emphasizes communication (understanding and being understood by others) by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational skills in real-life situations. This includes vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. The AP Spanish Language and Culture course strives not to overemphasize grammatical accuracy at the expense of communication. To best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught almost exclusively in the target language.

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. The course develops students' awareness and appreciation of cultural products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions).

Prerequisite: A grade of “C” or higher in Level III or established proficiency;  
teacher/department chair approval

### **Learning Goals and Outcomes**

As students study the target language, they will improve in their ability to communicate in the target language as well as in their cultural competencies. Our goal by the end of the fourth year is to have all students performing at the advanced low proficiency level or higher. In addition to the cultural competencies that we will focus on, students will build proficiency in the target language in three modes of communication: interpersonal (person-to-person speaking and writing), interpretive (understanding what they read and hear in the target language), and presentational (“one-way” speaking and writing in the target language). At the end of the year, students will be able to:

- Engage in conversations about familiar and some academic topics that go beyond everyday life using multiple simple and complex sentences.
- Manage familiar situations with an unexpected complication.
- Communicate in an organized way and with some descriptive detail about events and experiences in various time frames
- Understand the main idea and some supporting details in organized speech on a variety of topics of personal and general interest.
- Follow stories and descriptions of various lengths and time frames.
- Understand information presented in a variety of genres on familiar topics, even when something unexpected is expressed.
- Understand the main idea and supporting details on a variety of topics of personal and general interests.
- Follow stories and descriptions of various lengths, time frames, and genres.
- Deliver detailed presentations on events, interests, experiences, and academic topics in various time frames.
- Write and present organized paragraphs appropriate to an audience on a variety of topics, events, and experiences in various times.
- Analyze and evaluate practices, products, and perspectives of the culture studied and describe how they are interrelated to topics of philosophy, social issues, regionalisms, history, and traditions of their own cultures (as applicable).
- Interact at a culturally competent level in familiar and some unfamiliar cultural situations (e.g., community events, travel, service activities, interactions)
- Analyze and synthesize information gathered in the target language to think critically and solve problems in other content areas and real world situations in the culture(s) studied and (as applicable) in one’s own culture.
- Analyze and compare features of different registers of language, cultural perspectives as reflected in a variety of genres (e.g., literature, blogs, podcasts, newspaper articles), and

regional varieties (e.g., differences in pronunciation, intonation, stress, dialects, vocabulary, grammar).

- Research cultural traditions and authentic works in order to analyze the viewpoints and their impact on cultures (e.g, recognize stereotypes).
- Use language skills and cultural understanding to interact in the target language on a variety of topics within the school setting (and beyond, as applicable).
- Use target language to communicate with organizations or individuals to access information on personal and professional growth opportunities within the school setting (and beyond, as applicable).

### **Textbook/Materials**

Textbooks will be available to students to check out from the bookstore. Students should have a notebook or a binder with a supply of standard lined paper that they can use for taking notes, doing in-class assignments, taking quizzes, and other classroom work. I highly recommend that students plan on organizing and keeping their graded/returned work throughout the semester. Students are also responsible for providing their own pens and/or pencils. Please avoid light colored inks for assignments that will be turned in.

Additionally, we will be using Google Classroom extensively throughout the year for a variety of assignments. Google Classrooms have been populated by the district. Students have to be logged in to their school google account to be able to access their classrooms.

We will also be using AP Classroom for practice and homework assignments. Information for enrolling in AP Classroom will be shared with students as soon as it becomes available.

### **Student Responsibilities**

**Each quarter students will be required to:**

- Regularly attend class.
- Complete assigned homework and come to class prepared to learn!
- Actively participate in class discussions and group/partner conversation activities.
- Be on-task during class time. This means working on the appropriate assignments and class work during the class period.
- Complete assigned writing assignments (Compositions).
- Adequately prepare for quizzes and tests.
- Complete a research project and present your research to the class.
- Regularly check grades in Infinite Campus.
- Check Google Classroom daily for assignments, announcements, and other communications from the teacher.
- BE AUTONOMOUS! TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LEARNING!

## **Grades and Evaluation**

Student grades are available to view online and will be kept up to date. Please monitor your grade throughout the semester so that you always know exactly where you stand. The district has adopted 40% / 40% / 20% grading policy. This means that Quarter 1 is worth 40% of your semester grade, Quarter 2 is worth 40% of your semester grade, and your final exam is worth 20% of your semester grade. Likewise, Quarter 3 is worth 40%, Quarter 4 is worth 40% and the final exam is worth 20%. Final/Semester grade distribution is as follows:

A	100–90
B	89–80
C	79–70
D	69–60
F	Below 60

### **Quarter grades are broken down as follows:**

Quarter grades will be calculated by using a combination of formative and summative assessments given throughout each quarter. Each quarter, 40% of the grade will be derived from formative assessments, and 60% of the grade will be based on summative assessments. These grade categories and the activities that correspond to them are designed to allow us to practice and assess student progress in each of the language modalities: reading, writing, speaking, listening as well as knowledge of the culture(s) associated with the language

#### Formative (40%)

Homework	10
Participation	10
Quizzes (min. 4)	20

#### Summative (60%)

Compositions (2)	15
Unit Tests (2)	15
Oral Exams (1)	15
Research Project (1)	15

### **Homework (10%)**

There will be a variety of homework assignments made throughout the quarter. Homework should be completed and turned in at the beginning of the class period in

order to receive credit. We will be using Google classroom throughout the year. Below are the codes for each class. **Make sure to join the correct class period.**

### **Google classroom**

**GOOGLE CLASSROOMS WERE SET UP BY THE DISTRICT, YOU SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE IN THE CORRECT CLASS SECTION. IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY ISSUES WITH GOOGLE CLASSROOM, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR INSTRUCTOR.**

### **Distance Learning - VERY IMPORTANT**

Recorded Lessons - ***The recorded lessons are mandatory***, as this is where notes will be given. Recorded lessons will be associated with a variety of assignments throughout the year. This provides students with ample time to review material repeatedly outside of the live sessions.

Live Lessons - The Live lessons will primarily be used for practicing Spanish and working on concepts covered in the recorded lessons. This ensures that students will have dedicated practice time to work on their language skills.

### **Participation (10%)**

Class participation will be graded weekly. Given the communicative nature of our course, regular class attendance is essential to student success. To earn maximum participation points, students must be actively engaged in class. This means coming to class prepared, being on task and working on appropriate assignments, participating in class discussions and conversation practice, making an effort to answer questions from the teacher, being respectful to classmates, turning in all collected class work, and speaking the target language. Points will be determined by self-evaluation and teacher feedback.

### **Quizzes (20%)**

Quizzes will be given regularly throughout the quarter and will cover topics being covered in class focusing primarily on the grammar and vocabulary of the chapter/unit. Quizzes will generally be short in nature and may or may not be announced in advance. Quizzes may be given at the beginning of the hour, so don't be tardy!

### **Compositions (15%)**

There will be two targeted writing assignments every quarter to help students develop their abilities with writing in Spanish. Students will be responsible to write a minimum of 1 page (300 words) typed to be turned in on the appropriate due date. **Compositions are to be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font.**

### **Unit Tests (15%)**

At the end of each unit/chapter we will have a unit test covering the material that we have studied. These tests should take the bulk of the class period. All of the tests will be announced in advance. If you miss a test due to an excused absence, please contact the teacher to schedule a make-up.

### **Oral Exams (15%)**

A major assessment of your speaking abilities will be conducted once per quarter, providing you with an opportunity to demonstrate your abilities to communicate about everyday topics and situations in Spanish. This assessment may be conducted as an interview between you and the instructor or as role-plays performed between you and a classmate.

### **Research project (15%)**

Each quarter students will be responsible for preparing a “Research project” and presenting their work to their classmates. Research topics will be provided by the teacher and will be related to the information that we are studying in class. Research topics are intended to encourage students to proactively learn about Spanish, Latin American, or Chican@ culture.

### **Classroom Policies**

- Follow school rules as outlined in the CCHS handbook.
- No food or drinks allowed during class—anything brought into class will be placed on the table nearest the door.
- Be respectful to your classmates—inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- NO CELL PHONE USE DURING CLASS UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. SAVE YOURSELF THE TROUBLE AND PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR POCKET OR BACKPACK.

- Due dates are firm. Late work will be accepted on a case by case basis. If you miss an assignment, please see the teacher before or after school so that arrangements can be made.
- Make-up quizzes and tests are only given by appointment. If you miss a quiz or a test, see the teacher ASAP.
- Clean up after yourselves. Do not leave the area around your seat covered with garbage
- Speak Spanish in the classroom.

## AP

AP classes are classes of high distinction. Students that decide to take AP classes will be held to a higher standard with regard to work ethic, behavior, and attendance.

## Tardy Policy

Classes will start promptly after the bell rings. Attendance will be taken right away. If you are tardy to class, you will be required to get a tardy pass from the front office or, in the case that you were held late by another teacher, you will have to obtain a pass from that teacher. If arriving late to class becomes habitual, I will make a call home to parents/guardians and/or refer the student to the administration.

## Cheating

Cheating of any kind (yes, plagiarism is cheating) will not be tolerated. Copying another person's work, allowing another student to copy your work, or turning in as your own work that was done by another person all constitute cheating. **Using translators online or otherwise is also academically dishonest and is considered cheating.** Please refer to the CCHS handbook for more information regarding the school's policy regarding cheating and the consequences for cheating.

## Consequences

If you do not meet classroom expectations as outlined in the syllabus and the CCHS Handbook, the following actions will be taken:

1. Verbal warning
2. Call home to parent/guardian
3. Referral to administration

**This course is offered for dual enrollment credit. While it is not a requirement that students take this course for college credit, the course is designed to meet/comply with college requirements and course competencies. For students taking this course for Dual Enrollment, please review the syllabus in Canvas as it contains additional information that is specific to the college. Canvas can be accessed by going to [cgc.edu](http://cgc.edu) and clicking on the link for Canvas, or by going to [my.maricopa.edu](http://my.maricopa.edu) and clicking on the link for Canvas.**

**Every effort will be made to follow the syllabus as outlined. Adjustments may be made as needed as our needs and the resources available to us continue to evolve.**



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Syllabus Acknowledgement

After carefully reading the syllabus, please sign this form and return to Señor Engelbrecht by Friday of week 1.

I have read and understand the policies, rules, procedures and expectations as outlined in the syllabus.

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Student's Printed Name

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Parent's Printed Name

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Student's Signature

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Parent's Signature

Parents/Guardians: Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns

Parent/Guardian Contact Information and Preferences

Parent Guardian Name:

Daytime Phone:

Home Phone:

Email Address:

Please contact me about my student's grades or behavior by Phone      \_Email

