



Greenwich Public Schools Curriculum Overview

Course Name: Honors Spanish 5

Personalized learning is achieved through standards-based, rigorous and relevant curriculum that is aligned to digital tools and resources.

Note: Teachers retain professional discretion in how the learning is presented based on the needs and interests of their students.

Course Description: (from COSG)

This is a language-based course which is designed around a series of high-interest thematic units. Among the themes studied are: love and money, childhood, cultural identity, immortality, social class, dreams and reality. These units are based on selected abridged and unabridged fiction and nonfiction texts, including plays, short stories, poetry and pertinent, current essays and articles from Spain and Latin America; students also view thematically-related films that deliver both historical and cultural information. Free expression is strongly encouraged, both in speaking and in writing, and grammatical and lexical accuracy are an integral part of the course work. Formal writing is further developed through critical analysis. The curriculum of this course focuses on listening, speaking, reading and writing at the pre-advanced ACTFL proficiency level.

Unit Guide: (List of Major Units)

Unit 1: El mundo infantil (Childhood)

Unit 2: El amor y el dinero (Love and Money)

Unit 3: Las clases sociales (Social Classes)

Unit 4: Las ciencias y la ética (Science and Ethics)

Unit 5: La tecnología y el futuro (Technology and the Future)

Unit 6: La publicidad (Publicity/Marketing)

Unit 7: La identidad cultural (Cultural Identity)

Enduring Understandings

- Issues that young people face in today's society are universal, not limited to one particular country.
- Values surrounding love and money are universal issues.
- Social status is reflected in a number of ways across various cultures.
- People have different views of the value of older persons based upon personal experience, age, beliefs and values.
- Technological advances have led to planned obsolescence.
- There can be beauty in imperfection.
- Many different advertising strategies are used to persuade consumers to purchase products and services.
- Historical events combined with the events of the 20th century in Cuba have influenced not only modern day life in Cuba but also the lives of Cubans and Cuban-Americans living in the United States at the present time.

Performance Tasks: (Including Capstone Assured Experiences)

1. Capstone - Students will research and give a presentation on a theme related to the Spanish Civil War.
2. For each unit, students will create a project to demonstrate their comprehension of unit themes. Formats may include video, infographic, hand drawn visuals, essay, etc.
3. Analyze song lyrics.
4. Analyze film and discuss the key points.
5. Analyze a poem and/or short story and discuss the key points.

Standards

[World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages](#)

[WL Readiness Standards Alignment with Common Core Standards](#)

Resources

1. Abriendo Paso - Lecturas
2. Video - La lengua de las mariposas
3. Videos - commercials advertising El Gordo - the Christmas lottery in Spain
4. Video Series - Silvana sin lana
5. Video - Invisibles
6. Marketing Articles from artedinámica.com
7. Video - Cuánto. Más allá del dinero
8. Video - Remembering and Celebrating Cuba: Antonio Sacre
9. Video - La revolución cubana
10. Video - ¡Viva Cuba!