



OXNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Department of Teaching and Learning



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has the opportunity to take the Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Language and Culture Exam. The AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam assesses students' proficiencies in the interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication. Students who earn an AP Exam score of "3" or higher, could receive credit, advanced placement or both from future colleges and universities.

Although the Oxnard School District does not offer "AP Spanish" courses to prepare students specifically for this exam, students have been developing their Spanish skills extensively through the Dual Language Program. In cases where students do not pass the exam or the passing grade does not meet the criteria to earn college credit, students who take the exam could still receive the benefits of knowing the structure of the exam and understanding the expectations for future AP Spanish and Culture examinations.

Your child's teacher will be discussing his/her current progress in Spanish. They can advise you in deciding if the AP exam is appropriate for your child at this time or not. Although teachers will make a recommendation on your child's possibilities of passing the exam, parents/guardians will make the final determination if they are interested in having their child take the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam. Students will have opportunities in High School to take AP exams as well. We encourage you to discuss this plan with your child's counselor once officially enrolled in High School.

Eighth grade students who are interested in taking the AP exam will do so at Oxnard High School. Although the Oxnard School District will be covering the registration fee for the exam, students will be considered independent from both the Oxnard School District and the Oxnard Union High School District. Parents/guardians will be responsible for retrieving final scores from the AP College Board once released.

Your child's teacher will provide you with specific information regarding the test and how students will be supported through the process. A permission slip with specific information will be sent home in late January. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have specific questions.

Respectfully,

Aracely Fox
Director
Teaching and Learning

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