

Advanced Placement Spanish language

AP Spanish has been offered at Patch High school since the academic year 2010-11.

Major Content/Concepts: AP Spanish Language is equivalent to fifth and sixth semester college work (3rd year college) such as found in university level Spanish Composition and Conversation courses. The 5 domains of learning (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities) involve the skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and developing cultural awareness appropriate to this level of coursework. The academic rigor for this course is high. Authentic materials are used in addition to the required text.

Course Objectives: By the end of this course, the successful AP Spanish Language student will:

- Comprehend Spanish (Advanced level or above on ACTFL scale) that is intended for native speakers in a variety of settings
- Demonstrate strong communication skills (Pre-Advanced on ACTFL scale) in the interpersonal, presentational, and interpretive modes
- Demonstrate a strong command of Spanish linguistic skills (Pre-Advanced on ACTFL scale) to support communication (accuracy/fluency)
- Produce Spanish (Pre-Advanced on ACTFL scale) comprehensible to native speakers in a variety of settings
- Acquire information from authentic sources in Spanish
- Demonstrate a heightened awareness of cultural perspectives, practices, and products of Hispanic peoples.

Course Philosophy: The Foreign Language Department intends to graduate students who are linguistically proficient and culturally competent in a 2nd language. AP Spanish Language is for students who wish to develop strong proficiency and integrate their language skills. Students are expected to take the AP exam at the end of this course.