



# Spanish 1CP Orientation Meeting

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# Course Description

- Spanish 1 CP is a communication centered course. This means that the course will equally emphasize:
  - Listening
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Speaking
- Students will learn basic Spanish vocabulary and grammar.
- Students will learn about a variety of different Spanish speaking countries.
  - Culture
  - History
  - Food
  - Topography

# World Language Instruction

- Create authentic interactions
- Students must have strong vocabulary retention, listening, writing, speaking and reading comprehension in the target language in order to have successful scores on assessments and be prepared to enter Spanish 2 as Freshmen.

# Textbook Piloting

- CVUSD will be piloting 2 courses next year:
  - McGraw-Hill, **Asi Se Dice**
  - Pearson, **Authentico**
- Both courses:
  - are more current
  - offer online content and practices for students
  - offer smart phone apps for vocabulary practice (flashcards/games)
  - online homework

# Anticipated Difficulties

- How to study effectively and efficiently
- Daily study required
- Every assignment weighs heavily on grade
- Memorizing long lists of vocabulary with correct spelling
- Understanding the concept of Conjugation
- Course is fast-paced
- Cumulative learning: each chapter builds on the previous, and Spanish 2 builds on Spanish 1

# Things to consider...

- Many students are not prepared to take a high school course in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Work habits
  - Grades
- The student is earning grades that will appear on their high school transcript. A grade of “C” or “D” cannot be replaced.
- The work load is that of an honors class, not a CP class
- Summer preparation
- Second language study extends beyond the classroom.
- Native speakers can take Spanish for Spanish speakers in high school; this will focus on correcting grammar rather than learning introductory vocabulary

# Required Summer Preparation

- Numbers 0-30  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ93x5PMMko>
- Spanish alphabet  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MJbHmgaeDM>
- Colors  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpLQSdu4V94>
- Days of the week  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4fREj60Crk>
- Months of the year  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKznbHvPFwc>

Questions?

