The AP Spanish Language Exam is a 3-to-4-hour skill-based exam testing your abilities and proficiency in Spanish. It is not a knowledge-based exam like most other AP exams. You are “on-stage” in Spanish for over 3 hours, integrating all of your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, as well as cultural information acquired during your Spanish studies over the years. **AP Spanish Language 5/6 is a class that is for highly-motivated, independent learners and is an intense, demanding course.** Our goal is for you to receive a 3 or above on the exam after the completion of this course.

The following summer assignment is designed for students who will take the AP Spanish Language Culture Course level 5 or 6 in the 2023-2024 school year to better prepare for an advanced language course and to make the upcoming AP Spanish Language experience more beneficial overall. The summer assignment is intended to give students a better idea of what to expect on the AP exam as well as to encourage practice with the language over the summer. **Taking this assignment seriously and spacing its requirements out over the course of the summer will benefit you greatly. Do not wait until the week before school starts to begin this assignment!** Waiting until the start of school eliminates the continual practice this assignment is intended to provide!

I understand that summer can be busy (mine always is!). I do not expect that you spend hours on these assignments every week. **I do expect that you practice your Spanish regularly and improve your skills over the summer.** Making sure you do all the activities throughout the summer will provide continual use of the language all summer long, which in turn will directly impact your performance in the course. The following activities are the minimum requirements to be completed by all students enrolled in the AP Spanish Language course. Even though the assignments are to be completed during the summer, **they will be collected during the first weeks of the school year with the exact due date to be announced in class (Late assignments will not be accepted as you have the entire summer to complete them).** These assignments will be graded and entered into the grade book in the fall, so they will impact your success because each summer assignment is worth 10 points (except the grammar section).

**Before you begin, set up:**

- ONE Folder in your BCPS One Drive entitled “AP Spanish 2022-2023” 😊
  - Inside that folder, 6 folders entitled (we will add more throughout the year):
    - Trabajo independiente

**All of your assignments will be completed and saved in your “AP Spanish 2022-2023” One Drive folders in the “Trabajo independiente” folder except the Presentational Writing:**

1. **AP Test Reflection:** Familiarize yourself with the AP Spanish Language & Culture page and respond to ALL 6 of the following questions in two-three complete paragraphs (total), *en español*, in a Word Document saved to your One Drive folder. Link: [https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language](https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language)

   1. ¿Qué piensas de la información que ves sobre el examen de Español AP lengua y cultura?
   2. De acuerdo a AP central, ¿cuáles son los seis temas que se van a cubrir durante el año escolar en Español AP?
3. ¿Hay algo que te da miedo sobre el contenido de la clase?
4. ¿En qué tienes confianza?
5. ¿Qué crees que tu maestra de AP puede hacer para apoyarte durante el año escolar?
6. ¿Qué necesitas hacer durante el año escolar para prepararte para el examen AP?

2. **Grammar Exercises:** The expectation of an AP Spanish student is to already know how to conjugate the following verb tenses, and to frequently and consistently use these in speaking and written assignments: el presente indicativo y subjuntivo, el futuro, el condicional, los perfectos y el participio pasado, el pretérito, el pluscuamperfecto, el imperfecto indicativo y subjuntivo, el presente progresivo.

***I will not collect this assignment, but it is in your best interest to look over these activities because you are expected to apply this previously learned grammar in all your work:***

https://aprenderespanol.org/
https://tildesites.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newgr/index.html
https://esp.brainpop.com/espanol/gramatica/

- **Present Tense:** regular AR verbs, Regular ER and IR verbs, Stem Changing Verbs 1, Stem changing Verbs 2, Present Tense Verb Chart
- **Preterite Tense**
- **Preterite vs Imperfect**
- **Future Tense Forms**
- **Conditional Tense**
- **Subjunctive Mood**
- **Present perfect**

It is important to understand that this class objective is to prepare you for the exam, therefore, there is no time to review grammar concepts that you should already know at this level.

3. **Interpretive Reading:**

**Choice 1:** Using the internet or a Spanish speaking publication, find 2 articles about a topic of your choice. Make sure your articles are from a Spanish speaking country and are NOT translated from English. Then, complete one 150 word writing activity* for each article in a Word Document saved to your One Drive.

**Choice 2:** You may choose to read one authentic novel in Spanish and write a 300-word summary and reaction to what you read. Make sure your novel is from a Spanish speaking country and is NOT translated from English. There are a lot of free PDFs online.

* **Writing Activity:** Be sure to give the links/source of the article/novel with the summary.

* **Two** summaries of 150 words (or one of 300 for novel):
  a. Answer who, what, when, where and why in a short summary and
  b. write a personal reaction to the text.

4. **Interpretive Listening:**
Choice 1: Using the internet or a Spanish speaking program, find 2 audios about a topic of your choice. Make sure your audios are from a Spanish speaking country and are NOT translated from English. Then, complete one 150 word writing activity* for each audio in a Word Document saved to your One Drive. Be sure to give the links to the audio with the summary.

Choice 2: You may watch an authentic film or TV series in Spanish (this may not be a movie translated from English to Spanish). Then, complete the writing activity* for the film in a Word Document saved to your One Drive. (Please, contact me if you would like me to share with you a list of TV Shows).

*Writing Activity: Be sure to give the links/source of the audio/film with the summary.

In two summaries of 150 words (or one of 300 for film):

   c. Answer who, what, when, where and why in a short summary and
   d. write a personal reaction to the audio.

News Websites in Spanish to help begin your search for articles or audio sources:

- BBC Mundo [www.bbcmundo.com]
- El País (España) [www.elpais.com]
- Univisión [www.univision.com]
- Centro de Noticias ONU [http://www.un.org/spanish/News/]
- Escuchable (Podcasts) [https://www.escuchable.com/]

5. Presentational Writing: Every week, you will need to write a journal entry, en español. You will be required to write 8 journal entries total that are EACH at least full front page on any topics of your choice. These can be about your family, a vacation, your feelings, etc. Be careful not to translate directly from English to Spanish, nor use any online translation service. All journals must be handwritten. Also, if you look up any words using WordReference.com you must circle them. Suggested pacing: One entry per week.

6. Presentational Speaking: You will do a “show and tell” for your class about your summer. During the first week each student will present a 3–5-minute presentation that will:

   a) highlight the most important aspects of different activities they have done in the months of June, July, and August respectively,
   b) include suggestions/recommendations for other students about how to spend their next summer, trying to persuade them to do what they did or to encourage them to not do what they did because of the unfortunate results,
   c) include appropriate regalia or visuals to go along with their presentations. The presentations must last at least three minutes and no more than five minutes.

If you are working on these assignments over the summer and need to reach me,

I will respond as soon as I can! [bcovell@bcps.org]

¡Sí se puede! 😊