

**Foxborough High School**  
**AP Spanish Language - Required Summer Assignments**  
**July-August 2021**

Your honest effort and hard work during this summer will be important for a successful school year. The main purpose of summer assignments is that you do not lose any contact with Spanish and tune up your proficiency skills: **listening, reading, speaking and writing**. As the year goes by, you will be expected to perform all these skills at a highly competent level. I will be collecting summer assignments at the beginning of school year to be graded. Failure to have completed work the first day of class will be reflected on your grade and may have a negative effect on your performance in the exam. I suggest that you spread out over the summer all your assignments. Don't attempt to do all assignments at once the last week before school starts.

When in class students must make a commitment to speak Spanish at all times in class, as the goal of this course is the development of your communicative skills. This is a very challenging and fast-paced class, consequently students must be prepared to work hard and to keep up with assignments. If for any reason, a student is absent, s/he must immediately speak with the teacher in order not to fall behind.

Although technology is a great tool and resource for learning languages; keep in mind that computer programs used to translate material from English to Spanish are *absolutely forbidden*. This practice is dishonest and in no way beneficial to your proficiency growth. It is acceptable to look up for the meaning of isolated words but no sentences or paragraphs. However, this should be your last resource. "La Real Academia Española" website provides an electronic Spanish-Spanish dictionary that could be very helpful. Here the link [Inicio | Real Academia Española \(rae.es\)](http://Inicio | Real Academia Española (rae.es)) or <https://escolar.eb.com/>

### Assignments

**The AP Spanish Language and Culture course is structured around six themes:**

- ❖ Global Challenges
- ❖ Personal and Public Identities
- ❖ Science and Technology
- ❖ Beauty and Aesthetics
- ❖ Contemporary Life
- ❖ Families and Communities

I. **Listening**: It is very important to improve and master your listening comprehension skills. Listen to *música Latina/Hispanic* as much as you can. Watch Spanish channels on TV or internet at minimum of three times a week. Select the broadcast of your choice (If feature is available, play the video several times, until you comprehend it). Write a total of three detailed summaries about the broadcast of your choice in Spanish.

Here some links you can browse.

[www.telemadrid.es](http://www.telemadrid.es)  
[www.los40.com](http://www.los40.com)

[www.topradio.es](http://www.topradio.es)  
[www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

[www.univision.com](http://www.univision.com)

II. **Speaking:** Practice makes perfection and only by practicing you'll be able to express your thoughts, emotions, ideas and needs in an effective way. If you have neighbors or relatives that are native speakers or speak Spanish fluently, take advantage of this and practice your Spanish with them and, at the same time learn about their traditions and culture. I am sure they will appreciate your effort and will be glad to help you. Additionally, meet your AP classmates and converse with them by phone or any technology available, remember to speak only in Spanish. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, and allow your peer to correct your pronunciation. We learn from our mistakes. Additionally, try reading aloud and recording your voice while reading. Doing this as a routine can help you feel more comfortable and confident when completing the speaking sections of the the AP exam.

III. **Reading:** Through reading you increase your knowledge of vocabulary and discover a whole new world. You learn about culture, traditions, emotions and challenges. You have been given a few short stories to read. Find them in a separate file. After reading them, there will be questions to respond. You should answer the questions before and after reading the stories. We will then discuss the short stories in class.(Be sure you answer the exercises in a separate piece of paper).

Additionally, read material on your local library or on the internet, keep yourself informed about current events in hispanic countries. Here, some links.

[www.elpais.com](http://www.elpais.com)

[www.eluniversal.com](http://www.eluniversal.com)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/news/>

[www.semana.com](http://www.semana.com)

[www.mexicodesconocido.com.mx](http://www.mexicodesconocido.com.mx)

[www.lanacion.com.ar](http://www.lanacion.com.ar)

IV. **Writing:** This is a fantastic way to express your ideas. You must keep a journal or “diario.” You will write a total of **five entries**. Each entry must contain 300 words or more. Be creative and make the reader of your *diarios* not only interested but delighted..

Diario # 1 *¿Escribe por qué razones quieres ser parte de la clase AP y que tienes que hacer para pasar el examen?*

Diario # 2 *¿Cuáles son tus planes para el futuro?*

Diario # 3 *¿Qué persona ha influido positivamente en tu vida y por qué?*

Diario # 4 *Si tuvieras la oportunidad de viajar a un país hispano, ¿a qué país hispano te gustaría viajar y que aspectos de su cultura te gustaría explorar?Escribe detalles.*

Diario #5 *Escribe sobre un tema que te interesa muchísimo.*

V. **Vocabulary.** Study thematic vocabulary. They are going to help you improve your writing and speaking skills necessary for the AP test. There are many online websites, but this is one I found to be complete <https://www.ver-taal.com/vocabulario.htm>

## **VERB REVIEW**

Verb conjugations are very important. You are expected to pay attention to grammar and spelling; for example: noun, adjective and verb agreement; adequate use of transition words; utilizing a variety of tenses. Although, you will be learning some grammar structures in class, you are required to review on your own this summer. Following some links that can be helpful.

These links can help you practice grammar.

[Spanish Language & Culture | Home \(colby.edu\)](http://SpanishLanguage&Culture|Home.colby.edu)

<https://www.ver-taal.com/gramatica.htm>

If you may have any question contact me by email at [abeillem@foxborough.k12.ma.us](mailto:abeillem@foxborough.k12.ma.us) I'll do my best to respond to your inquiries as soon as I can.

Looking forward for a successful year 2021-2022.

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## Dear AP Spanish student,

I would like to welcome you in advance to the AP Spanish Language class for the upcoming school year. It will be my pleasure to teach you Spanish at the highest level possible and prepare you for the AP Spanish Language exam. As you may know, The Advanced Placement courses are generally the most demanding and therefore the most prestigious courses available at high school level. They are also considered to have a college level of difficulty. You must take pride to be part of the AP Spanish course and do whatever it takes to excel. There are very important points that I want to highlight to ensure that you understand the magnitude of this course and commitment needed. Students enrolled in AP Spanish Language must:

- 1) You will be required to complete and hand in the summer work the first day of class. Be advised that failure to hand in the work may disqualify you to be part of the AP Spanish course.
- 2) **Keep good attendance.** Failure to attend a class is a disadvantage you cannot afford. Time in class is very important. There will be frequent group debates and discussions about literature readings and topics; so your presence is necessary.
- 3) **Have strong study skills.** You will have to organize your time to fulfill your academic responsibilities.
- 4) **Be energetic, involved and motivated.** You are required to be part of all class activities and have a positive attitude all the time. You will have to work hard all the time, even after taking the AP exam.
- 5) **Speak Spanish to teacher and peers always.** Speaking Spanish in class is a great opportunity you cannot miss. All topic discussions must be in Spanish no matter the mistakes you might make. Learning a language is a process, I don't expect you to speak perfectly but genuine effort must be made to communicate with everybody in class, so you can improve your speaking skills. Speaking in English in class won't be accepted and will result in a bad grade.
- 6) **Be able to do the required load of work.** There will be a variety of assignments that you will have to be prepared to do for example essays, summaries, reading comprehension activities, oral presentations, oral and video recordings projects etc. Homework should be handed in **complete** first thing of the day. Incomplete assignments won't be graded. Failure to hand in work will be zero. For one day delay I will deduct 10 points; two days delay 30 points off. After two days of delay I won't accept any work. Also I advise you to learn from your mistakes by reading corrected essays and summaries. Please do not ignore the corrections or suggestions that I make on your work. My best interest is that you improve your writing as well as your speaking skills.
- 7) **Be able to read perceptively and independently.** You will be assigned to read frequently on your own and you are expected to do your very best to understand the readings.
- 8) **Be able to avoid the use of cellphones, and any electronic devices that may distract you.** Without a doubt technology is a great tool to learn but sometimes can make us lose focus, specially at school. The classroom will be a zero tolerance area for video games, or texting, unless I have assigned to use them for academic purpose.
- 9) **Be able to stay after school when needed to make-up listening assignments or to practice the AP Spanish exam.**
- 10) ¡Disfruta tu verano!