

South Gibson County High School Scholars' Prep Guide

Spanish I

Curriculum for the upcoming course and information of which students should be aware:

Spanish I curriculum is crafted around the Modern World Language Tennessee Academic Standards. In agreement with the proficiency standards set forth by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), students are expected to communicate (listening, reading, speaking, and writing) at a Novice High level for Spanish I. Also in agreement with ACTFL, the Tennessee Department of Education recommends classroom instruction to be in Spanish 90% of each class.

Areas that might be challenging for students:

Spanish courses are often the first classes students have had that are not English. In every other subject in their scholastic careers up to this point, students have learned in their native tongue of English. This will be the first course where that is not the case. This challenge of being taught in at least 90% Spanish and then being required to communicate (i.e. read, write, speak, and listen with comprehension) in Spanish is the hardest for most students.

Suggestions on how students can prepare for the upcoming course:

Students can prepare by familiarizing themselves with the required performance indicators of the Tennessee Modern World Language Academic Standards so that they know their expected mastery items.

Suggested activities or resources (if applicable):

Students can download the free app for phones and tablets called DuoLingo and select Spanish to start their exposure to the language. There are many resources online that offer beginners' lessons in Spanish (ex. www.studyspanish.com). Searching these resources and studying with them will allow your student a head start into the curriculum. Also, listening to music in Spanish can enhance the student's exposure. There are many stations on apps like Pandora and Spotify, as well as videos on YouTube.

Our greatest advice is to come into the classroom with an open mind and an excitement to learn! Learning Spanish opens a plethora of opportunities in over 22 countries worldwide!