

Spanish I Honors Summer Work

Arlington High School

Congratulations on your decision to take Spanish I Honors next school year! I sincerely hope that it will be the start of a journey that will take you all the way through AP Spanish your senior year- it'll be here before you know it!

To prepare for my class, you need to know a few things:

1. Learning a language does not happen overnight. Yes, you will be able to speak, read, write, and understand Spanish around given topics by the end of the year, but no, you won't be "fluent."
2. Learning a language does not happen just within the confines of the school setting. The nature of this class will have you experiencing the language and testing your skills in the real world.
3. There is a substantial time commitment that comes with this class. Communicating in a language takes the ability to read, write, understand, and speak that language, so studying *nightly*, especially vocabulary, is crucial to your success.
4. Since this is an honors class, it moves at an honors pace AND will incorporate multiple skills in each class. We don't just practice reading or writing or speaking or listening one day- they all get learned together everyday in various formats. You need to be prepared to keep up!
5. Yes, you have to do the summer work.

Part A

1. You need to purchase your Honors workbook. You'll use the same one in Spanish I Honors and Spanish II Honors. We will be using your AMSCO workbook to help prepare you for the **National Spanish Exam** (\$5 fee applies) in the spring and for the next level of Honors Spanish.

HOWEVER: PLEASE DO NOT ORDER YOUR WORKBOOK YET! WE ARE WORKING WITH THE PUBLISHER TO DETERMINE IF IT IS STILL BEING PRINTED. WE WILL UPDATE THE SUMMER WORK AND MY WEBPAGE AS SOON AS WE KNOW MORE, BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU WILL STILL NEED TO ORDER ONE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS ONCE INFORMATION IS UPDATED!

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Part B

1. You need to learn all of the countries below, along with their listed capitals AND their location on the map. There are numerous learning songs on YouTube that can help you prepare and a map to study will be available on my website. You **will be tested** on your geographical knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world *during the first week of school!*

*Capitals are highlighted in the order that you'll hear them in the two song links below.

Central America

México- **D.F. México**
Guatemala, Guatemala
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
San Salvador, El Salvador
Managua, Nicaragua
San José, Costa Rica
Panamá, Panamá
La Habana, Cuba
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
San Juan, Puerto Rico

South America

Caracas, Venezuela
Bogotá, Colombia
Quito, Ecuador
Lima, Perú
La Paz, Bolivia
Asunción, Paraguay
Santiago, Chile
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Montevideo, Uruguay
(Brasilia), Brazil)

Central America: <https://youtu.be/fAupLjNTae0>

South America: <https://youtu.be/Nw1H8alhKNk>

Please study. You want to get started on the right foot and feel prepared right out of the gate. This work is the first step!! *"What you do today matters in May!"*

¡Buena suerte!

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