



## Spanish Language Placement Test Guide

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders may place into Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 2 Honors or Spanish 3 Honors. Students are required to take 2 years of a World Language course at EHS in order to graduate.

Any student who has taken at least one year of a language is required to take our placement test. We take a comprehensive look at the multiple-choice score, the writing sections and the oral interview (when applicable) to determine the appropriate placement.

### The placement test covers the following sections

**Written** – multiple choice, short answer and essay

**Listening** – multiple choice

**Oral Interview** – **OPTIONAL** interview for those interested in **Honors** placement

Below is the curriculum covered in our classes. Students should be able to show mastery of the material in each corresponding level in order to be placed in the next level.

#### SPANISH 1

##### Vocabulary

Greetings  
En la clase  
La familia  
Los pasatiempos  
Las vacaciones  
De compras  
La comida

##### Grammar

Nouns and Articles  
Descriptive adjectives  
Possessive Adjectives  
Numbers 0-100; 101 and higher  
Telling Time  
SER vs ESTAR  
Present tense of regular verbs  
Present tense of stem-changing verbs  
TENER expressions  
Present tense of IR  
Verbs with Irregular “Yo” forms  
Present progressive  
Direct Object Pronouns  
Indirect Object Pronouns  
SABER and CONOCER  
Preterit of Regular Verbs  
Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns  
Verbs like GUSTAR  
Reflexive Verbs  
Indefinite and Negative Words

#### SPANISH 2/2H and 3H\*

##### Vocabulary

Las fiestas  
En el consultorio  
La tecnología  
La vivienda  
La naturaleza  
En la ciudad

##### Grammar

Preterit of Stem-changing Verbs  
Double Object Pronouns  
Comparisons and Superlatives  
Irregular Preterit Verbs  
Qué vs. Cuál  
Pronouns after prepositions  
The Imperfect Tense  
Preterit vs. Imperfect  
Constructions with “Se”  
Adverbs  
Familiar and Formal Commands  
Reciprocal Reflexives  
Stressed possessive adjectives and pronouns  
Relative Pronouns\*  
The present subjunctive\*  
The subjunctive in noun clauses\*  
The subjunctive in adjective clauses\*  
Past Participles used as adjectives\*  
The Present Perfect\*  
The Past Perfect\*

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## World Languages Courses at EHS

*Spanish 1	*Spanish 2 Honors
*Spanish 2	*Spanish 3 Honors
Spanish 3	Spanish 4 Honors
Spanish 4	Spanish AP Language
Spanish 5	Spanish AP Literature
*French 1	*French 2 Honors
*French 2	French 3 Honors
French 3	French AP Language
French 4	
*Chinese 1	*Chinese 2 Honors
*Chinese 2	Chinese 3 Honors
Chinese 3	Chinese 4 Honors
Chinese 4	Chinese AP Language
*Latin 1	*Latin 2 Honors
*Latin 2	Latin 3 Honors
Latin 3	AP Vergil & Caesar

***\*Incoming freshmen typically place into these courses.***

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