

Spanish I Overview: 2010 - 2011

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Course description: Spanish I is a course in basic conversational Spanish and grammar basics and the present tense. Four approaches are used: Listening, speaking, writing, and reading, with the aid of audio materials, and guided practice. Spanish I Advanced follows the above description but will better prepare students for the higher levels of Spanish at Boiling Springs High School. Spanish I Advanced is not an Honors course.

College entrance requirements: Most SC colleges require 2 foreign language courses for admittance. College of Charleston and Clemson require 3 foreign language courses. Check with the school you are interested in to see what the requirements are.

Credit/Prerequisite: This course counts as 1 unit towards High School graduation. In order to advance to Spanish II, students must make a **77** for the year in Spanish I (or Spanish I Advanced). A student with a final grade in the 70 – 76 range will receive credit for the course, but will have to re-take Spanish I at the High School before advancing to Spanish II.

9-week Grading scale:	Class participation	30%
	Tests	30%
	Quizzes	20%
	Homework/Classwork	20%

* The End-of-the-year final exam counts as 20% of the **yearly** average.

Note: Parent Portal on Pschool only includes Test/Quiz grades for my class. Participation and homework/classwork grades are calculated at the end of the 9-weeks. Please e-mail me if you'd like an update on participation and/or homework.

Homework: Homework will be given once per week and due on Friday. See my "Schoolnotes" Webpage below to stay up-to-date.

Textbook: Avancemos, Level I

Help outside of class: WWW.CLASSZONE.COM

This site contains many activities, audio materials, supplemental lessons which can be used if you are having trouble out of class.

Parent-teacher communication: Please e-mail me if you have a question about your student's grade, behavior, etc. It is easy to respond to your e-mails in a timely manner.

Also, you may visit the site below every day for homework, updates, and test information:

<http://new.schoolnotes.com/xpages/view/109477>

Thank you for coming.