



Spanish - español

- *Hola, me llamo Marcos. ¿Cómo te llamas?*
- *Juan. ¿De dónde eres?*
- *De Madrid ¿Y tú?*
- *De Barcelona.*
- *¿Cuántos años tienes?*
- *Catorce.*
- *Adiós.*
- *Nos vemos.*

- 1 *uno*
- 2 *dos*
- 3 *tres*
- 4 *cuatro*
- 5 *cinco*
- 6 *seis*
- 7 *siete*
- 8 *ocho*
- 9 *nueve*
- 10 *diez*

# Pleasantdale

School District 107

## Our Mission Statement

*Ensure that each student is a passionate learner empowered with the academic and social skills to responsibly choose and excel in life pursuits.*

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## *A look inside Pleasantdale's K-8 Spanish Foreign Language Program*

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*Pleasantdale's commitment to foreign language dates back to 1987 when the Board of Education approved Spanish instruction in kindergarten through eighth grade. Students who move to the district having no prior Spanish instruction participate with a variety of supports.*



### SPANISH PURPOSE STATEMENT

**Definition:** Spanish is the study of communication and cultures through listening, speaking, reading and writing.

**Purpose:** Each student will attain the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to actively participate in culturally diverse communities.

**Methods:** Spanish is taught through

- early, continuous, child-centered activities
- interactive, communicative scenarios
- authentic assessments pertaining to real-life situations
- spiraling skills and concepts that result in fluency as students matriculate through the grade levels

### BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

Pleasantdale students gain important benefits from receiving Spanish instruction in the primary grades. First, research has demonstrated that success in gaining foreign language fluency is enhanced when instruction begins at an early age. Second, students gain a broader understanding and appreciation of other cultures through foreign language instruction. Third, Pleasantdale students frequently place in upper level Spanish classes in high school, thereby earning credit for foreign language acquisition at Pleasantdale. Fourth, one national study showed that SAT verbal scores increase when students take consecutive years of foreign language.



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPANISH

There is one full-time Spanish teacher at the elementary school. Kindergarten students receive one 30-minute session per week. Students in grades 1-2 receive Spanish instruction for two 30-minute sessions per week. Students in grades 3-4 receive Spanish instruction for three 30-minute sessions per week. The elementary school program emphasizes Spanish vocabulary and grammar as the foundation for fluency. Practical opportunities for students to listen, speak, write, and read are maximized during Spanish classes. Instruction is enhanced through authentic songs, cultural traditions, and functional use of language.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL SPANISH

Pleasantdale Middle School employs two full time and one half-time Spanish teachers. Students in grades 5-8 receive Spanish instruction five days per week for a 42 minute period each day. The program expands on the foundational skills students have acquired from the elementary Spanish program. There is a continued focus on practical applications of Spanish leading to proficiency in speaking, writing, and comprehending. Students are challenged to expand their Spanish skills so that they are able to place in upper level high school Spanish classes. An important advantage for Pleasantdale students is the opportunity to earn high school foreign language credit for their classes in middle school.