

Spanish for Native Speakers Level I

Level I is intended for “Heritage Learners” who fall under one of the following categories:

- Are raised in a home where Spanish is spoken.
- Understand and/or speak Spanish.
- Are to some degree bilingual in English and in Spanish.

The class is designed to give heritage speakers (who are already able to converse and understand Spanish) an opportunity to maintain, develop, and refine their language, transfer literacy skills, and increase their own cultural awareness. Students will expand their ability to use Spanish in the communicative, interpersonal, and interpretive modes adding additional skills by using the language in new applications and contexts. The class is designed to address specific language and grammar issues for heritage learners. The Spanish for Native Speakers courses will give heritage language speakers the opportunity to meet the two-year graduation requirement for college prep path. It is not intended to replace English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction but instead to enhance the heritage language of the students. While many of the skills, processes, and strategies will transfer to English, the course content will be delivered in Spanish. Students who have been identified as limited-English proficient (LEP) will still need to receive assistance in learning English and in mastering content of other disciplines delivered in English.

Spanish for Native Speakers Level II

Level II is intended for “Heritage Learners” who fall under one of the following categories:

- Are raised in a home where Spanish is spoken.
- Understand and/or speak Spanish.
- Are to some degree bilingual in English and in Spanish.

The class continues study from Level I. Heritage speakers will have further practice with refining their language skills, increasing literacy and expanding their ability to apply new knowledge. The class is designed to address specific language and grammar issues for heritage learners. It is not intended to replace English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction but instead to enhance the heritage language of the students. While many of the skills, processes, and strategies will transfer to English, the course content will be delivered in Spanish. Students who have been identified as limited-English proficient (LEP) will still need to receive assistance in learning English and in mastering content of other disciplines delivered in English. Successful completion of both courses will give heritage language speakers the opportunity to meet the two-year graduation requirement for college prep path.

Spanish for Native Speakers Course Sequence

Heritage language speakers can enroll in Spanish for Native Speakers I and Spanish for Native Speakers II. Upon completion of these two courses, students can proceed to the Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish where they will be joined by fourth- and/or fifth-year students who are studying Spanish as a foreign language.

