8th Grade Spanish Curriculum Overview

Proficiency Level: Novice Low-High

Unit 1: Family & the Home

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Identify rooms in a house/apartment
- Identify furniture typically found in a house/apartment
- Describe your house/dream home
- Indicate common household chores and who is responsible for completing them

CULTURE: Compare and contrast typical homes in the US and the target culture

Unit 2: Food & Cooking

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Identify common breakfast, lunch, and dinner foods
- Ask and respond to questions about what you like to eat
- Express an opinion on certain food items
- Model ordering food in a restaurant, asking for recommendations, and the bill

CULTURE: Research and present a typical dish from a Spanish speaking country

Mid Year Proficiency Assessment (January)

Unit 3: Health & Daily Routine

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Describe what they do in the morning and after school
- Name body parts and describe common symptoms of illnesses
- Identify professions related to health and places in the city/town related to health
- Ask and respond to questions about how they feel
- Name healthy and unhealthy foods and activities

CULTURE: Compare health advice from the target culture. Compare and contrast common teen interests and activities from the target culture

Unit 4: Shopping & Clothes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Identify seasonal clothing and merchandise
- Describe outfits they like and dislike
- Express an opinion about fashion trends and clothing items
- Model a conversation in a store asking about fit, prices, etc
- Name stores where other items are sold: pharmacy, grocery store, bakery, hardware store, etc

CULTURE: Compare and contrast fashion trends among teenagers in the target culture/s. Research fashion brands from the target culture/s.

Unit 5: Art & Music

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Give an opinion about a song or genre of music in Spanish
- Read and interpret lyrics from popular songs in Spanish
- Ask and answer questions about a party
- Describe a party
- Read invitations to an event

CULTURE: Compare and contrast celebrations in American vs. target culture