

# CVA Spanish 1 Syllabus



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## Class Description

The Spanish I class enables students to dive into the rich diversity of Hispanic culture across the globe by exploring the tastes, sights, and sounds of this dynamic language that reflects triumph, struggle, celebration, and so much more. Students will learn the foundations of Spanish grammar and vocabulary necessary to build fluent language proficiency and will apply their new knowledge through culturally relevant writing, listening, and speaking exercises. It assumes that the students have minimal or no prior knowledge of the language and culture. An important component of language classes is the use of the language beyond the classroom in the real world. The integration of technology is an important tool in accessing authentic information in the target language and in providing students the opportunity to interact with native speakers. This class requires active participation.

This course has three sections: Section A is the first half of the class and includes Units 1-2. Section B is the second half of the class and includes Units 3-4. Section Y is the entire class and includes Units 1-4.

Click [HERE](#) for the Spanish 1 Class Schedule which outlines the Units, Lessons, and Assessments for this course.

Click [HERE](#) for the Spanish 1 State standards.

## Class Outline

### Unit 1: My Life and Me

Students will explore diverse aspects of Spanish language and culture. They will delve into topics such as Mexican and Central American culture, Romance languages, Caribbean traditions, and practical language skills. Students will learn greetings, numbers, self-description, and the distinctions between *tú* and *usted*. Additionally, they will study honorifics (*don* and *doña*), learn the Spanish keyboard, and understand accent marks. By the end of the unit, they will be able to ask and answer questions, and talk about cultural events and traditions.

### Unit 2: My School and Me

Student will explore a rich tapestry of language and culture. They will learn how to discuss school life, school supplies, classes, and class schedules. They will also learn to express future plans using *ir + a + destination*, tell time (*la hora*) in both the 12-hour and 24-hour formats, and explore sports, school uniforms, and different types of schools. Additionally, they will learn to identify and use subject pronouns, understand noun-adjective agreement, and discover how education varies around the world.

### Unit 3: My Preferences and Me

Student will learn about the flavorful world of language and culture. Topics will include fruits, vegetables, and desserts, and the nuances of nutrition in Panama, Colombia, and Venezuela. They will explore various types of beverages and even dive into traditional recipes like *la cocada*, *la bandeja paisa*, and *el ceviche*. Additionally, they will learn to differentiate between *me gusta* and *me encanta*. They will also practice *tener* expressions, discuss subject pronouns, and learn how to conjugate regular verbs.

### Unit 4: My House and Me

Student will learn how to talk about homes, language, and daily life. They will learn Spanish vocabulary for parts of a house, house parts, colors, family life, chores. They will explore housing styles, currencies, and shopping in Spanish-speaking countries. They will also learn to use the verb *hay* to express existence, and about the irregular verbs *ir*, *ser*, *estar*, and *tener*.

## CVA Work Policy

- All classwork must be completed and submitted using the links in CTLS by the DUE DATE listed on the Class Schedule.
- Work should be completed in the order it is assigned on the Class Schedule.
- All work submitted on time will be graded within 48 hours.
- Assignments not submitted by the due date will be marked missing. Missing assignments are calculated as zeros in the coursework average. When students submit missing work, the assignment will be graded and calculated into the coursework average.

The CVA term ends prior to the end of the traditional school semester. The final date work will be accepted each term is posted on the [CVA website](#) (cobbvirtualacademy.org) and the Class Schedule.

## Grading

Grades for this course are calculated based on category percentages as follows:

Category	Weight
Discussions	35%
Papers & Projects	20%
Quizzes	25%
Tests	10%
Final Exam	10%

## CVA Exemption Incentive

To qualify for CVA's exemption incentive and exempt the Final Exam/lowest unit test or major assessment grade, CVA students must:

- Submit ALL assignments on OR before the due date
- Have an 85% coursework average or higher before the final exam
- Have no more than one academic integrity violation



## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of learning at CVA and we take the integrity and authenticity of student work very seriously. When academic integrity is maintained, students will make decisions based on values that will prepare them to be productive, meaningful, and ethical citizens.

Students are required to abide by the CVA Academic Integrity Policy. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. The CVA Academic Integrity Policy outlines the consequences if students fail to maintain academic integrity in their course. For additional information, the CVA Academic Integrity Policy is posted on the [CVA website](#).

Consequence	Occurrence			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Parent contact by teacher	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resubmit work for full credit	✓			
Resubmit work for half credit		✓		
Automatic Zero			✓	✓
Parent contact by CVA Administration			✓	✓
Mandated proctored exam or course work				✓
Local school is notified of Academic Integrity violation		✓	✓	✓
Other as designated by CVA or local school administration	✓	✓	✓	✓

## General Information

- The Cobb Teaching and Learning System (CTLIS) is the platform used to deliver Cobb Virtual Academy classes.
- Students must earn 100% on the Student Orientation Quiz located inside each CVA Digital Classroom before they begin their Student Coursework.
- All coursework must be submitted through CTLIS.
- All CCSD students have access to Microsoft 365 applications and must submit assignments in the requested format.
- Students in all sections of this course will take an online final exam during the window of time published on the CVA website and the Class Schedule.



## Course Specific Information

- Pay special attention to the tips for online language learning that the first lesson provides.
- The Introduction to Online Language Learning provides step by step instructions for how to use the Speech Practice Tool within the class. Pay special attention to the instructions about browser compatibility and device microphone settings.
- You will need to learn and use keyboard codes (shortcuts) for special symbols and characters in the Spanish alphabet. These are linked for you in the Class Information link of your CTLS class. It may help to download and print them to post in the area where you complete your assignments for this class.
- Resist the temptation to use online translators – these are designed to help people in day-to-day life situations that don't require language fluency. Online translators are inaccurate and hinder language learning.

## Technology Requirements

CTLS is geo-restricted to the United States.

- A modern PC or Mac Computer
  - Lightweight or mobile devices such as Chromebooks, iPads, Android tablets, or smartphones **may not** be compatible with many of our courses.
  - Windows or Mac based computer
- Access to Microsoft 365
- Internet access

## CVA Expectations

Student

- Maintain consistent access to a computer and internet
- Login to the course daily and review the announcements
- Adhere to the deadlines listed on the Class Schedule
- Read and promptly respond to teacher communication
- Contact the teacher with questions
- Manage your time wisely

Teacher

- Welcome Phone Call in the first two weeks
- 24 – 48-hour turnaround on all communication
- 24 – 48-hour turnaround on grading for items submitted by the due date
- Provide relevant feedback on assignments
- Be accessible via email and phone or text during published hours
- Provide two or more live sessions per term

Remind



CVA students and parents are automatically enrolled in their CVA teacher's Remind class based on the phone numbers provided during registration. If a parent and student provide the same cell phone number, they will not sync to Remind and will have to join the class manually using the join code posted on the Teacher Information page of their course.

## Student Support

A student's first source for support is their CVA teacher. However, additional support is available. The **CVA Learning Center** is staffed with facilitators and is available both **in person** and **virtually**.

Facilitators can assist students with getting started, class navigation, assignment instructions, submitting work, technical issues, and strategies for online success.

The in-person Learning Center is on the Cobb Horizon High School campus at 1765 The Exchange Atlanta, GA.

All CVA students are enrolled in the Student Support digital classroom which provides access to the Virtual Learning Center (VLC). Students use the CTLS chat feature to send a message to the Student Support Team during the hours it is open.

## Live Sessions

Your teacher will post live session information to the Class Board.

