## Spanish I (Semester 1 and 2)

## **Course Description**

The Spanish 1 and 2 high school curriculum introduces students to the Spanish language and culture. Emphasis is placed on developing meaningful authentic communication in Spanish in a variety of contexts.

To develop language proficiency students communicate verbally and in writing through familiar topics focusing on themselves, and the world in which they live; which includes school and community. By engaging in meaningful communication students become familiar with Spanish life and culture and gain a better understanding of their role as a citizen in a global society.

Students broaden their cultural knowledge by exploring the regions of the world where Spanish is spoken. Through new information and insights into cultures, customs and traditions of the Spanish–speaking world, students begin to demonstrate respect for other cultures and begin to recognize differences and similarities between their own culture and other cultures. Throughout the year, students will continue learning how to communicate effectively in Spanish and demonstrate awareness of Spanish language and culture.