Spanish I
Offered in the 8th Grade

To the parents of __________________________________________ Date ___________________

Spanish I is a formal, rigorous study of the Spanish language and culture. Spanish I taught at the middle school level will follow the same content as high school Spanish I and will include all Spanish I objectives from the Alabama Course of Study: Languages Other Than English – Foreign.

This course will be taught on the middle school campus using video conferencing technology. Spanish I will be facilitated by a teacher or para-professional at your child’s school but will be taught by a certified teacher based at Troy University’s ACCESS Distance Learning Center. The teacher and students will interact using computers, cameras, and sound equipment. The students and teacher will not interact in the traditional face-to-face format.

Students who earn a foreign language credit in the eighth grade will have the option of taking the credit to high school or refusing the credit.

Option 1: Students who earn a passing grade in Spanish I will be awarded one high school foreign language credit. If the student chooses to accept the high school credit, the final grade earned in the course will be calculated in the student’s high school GPA.

Option 2: If the student refuses the credit, the course and grade will not appear on the high school transcript, and the student can elect to repeat the course.

It is important that students enrolling in Spanish I understand that their high school GPA can impact graduation recognition, high school diploma choices, college admissions, college scholarships, and many other areas. Please note that students who are often most successful in acquiring a second language are those who are highly motivated and have strong language skills as demonstrated by exceptional scores on standardized tests and outstanding grades in language arts.

Taking a high school foreign language class via video conferencing is an exciting opportunity for eighth grade students. If you have any questions about this course, please contact your child’s counselor or the Division of Instructional Support at 972-6864.

Parents:

Please read the important information above regarding enrolling your child in Spanish I and provide your response below.

Please check one:

☐ Yes, please allow my child to be enrolled in Spanish I in the 8th grade.
☐ No, I do not want my child enrolled in Spanish I in the 8th grade.

Parent Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________________

Please return this form to the school counselor by __________________________.

*Note to school counselor: This signed form should be placed in the student’s permanent cumulative folder.*