Norwood Public Schools

Spanish 5 College Curriculum Overview

Description (including primary objective and outcomes):

This course is designed as an alternative to Advanced Placement and Honors for students who wish to continue the study of Spanish. The course will continue to develop students' proficiency in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as deepen their cultural understanding of the Hispanic world. There will be an emphasis on improving listening comprehension using authentic materials such as films, as well as extensive speaking practice. Readings will include newspaper and magazine articles, as well as literary selections. Attention will also be given to improvement in writing. This particular College Preparatory course does require summer work due to the level. This class differs from the Honors program in the amount and level of difficulty of reading, writing, speaking and listening assignments. Students in the College Preparatory course listening selections will be played multiple times and modifications are made to listening assignments that may include word banks or other aids. Students receive more in class support for reading and writing activities. Speaking assignments are modified as well and comprehensibility is emphasized over accuracy.

Learning Experiences:

Viewing and Listening of authentic feature length and short films in the target language, Summarizing of Movies, Actions and Characters, Making, Interpreting content and change outcomes, Matching of Movie Synopsis and Movie Posters for the Pop Culture Experience, Making their own Movie Poster, Oral Presentations Hands-on activities, games, songs, group/partner work, role-plays, dialogues, language lab and computer lab use, online forums; video and audio projects.

Content Outline:

For Love or Country Cuba / Freedom

Motorcycle Diaries South America and Basic Human Rights

Ernesto Che Guevarra Revolution and Social Rebels

Like Water For Chocolate Mexico / New Races / Traditions / Family Dynamics & Forbidden Love

Camila Argentina / Love / Freedom / Politics & the role of religion in history

Marcelino Bread and Wine 18th Century Spain / Innocence / Faith

Butterfly 19th Century Spain/ The atrocities of War

La Historia Official Chile and Argentina / Dictatorship and the Dirty War

Resources Used:

All films listed above, newspaper clipping, magazine articles, poems, songs, as well as book excerpts. The first 3 chapters of the book Marcelino Bread and Wine, Video Streaming and Discovery Education Resources, Online Grammar Practice Websites such as conjuguemos.com, quia, quizlet, Learning through Pop Culture is Zachary-Jones site Zambombazo.