

Curriculum for *Spanish* (2nd Foreign Language from grade 6) Grades 10-12 Short Version

Reference curriculum: Thuringia, Germany

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Overview of the curriculum for grades 10-12 at the German International School Washington, D.C.

The curriculum of the GISW is based on the curriculum of the German Bundesland of Thuringia, which is skill-oriented.

In grades 10-12 at the GISW, a Spanish course at the advanced level is offered, which consists of 4 periods per week. This course serves to expand on the students' intercultural, method and communication skills in the foreign language. By means of authentic factual texts, literary texts as well as modern media and other materials, the students learn about key topics of Spanish and Latin American history, society, civilization and way of life. At the end of the qualifying phase (grades 10-12) the students will have reached competence level B2 of the Common European Reference Framework for Languages¹, with the potential for a C1 level in some areas of language reception.

The written exams in grades 10-12 make up 50 % of the report mark, all remaining performance demonstrated in class makes up 50 %. For the final grade at the end of 10th grade, all examinations and the class performance of the entire school year are taken into account.

	Contents and Skills
Grade 10	 Understand increasingly complex and authentically written texts as well as statements spoken by native speakers.
4 hours/week	State one's opinion on familiar and less familiar topics in a differentiated way. Express wishes and feelings more
	liberally.

¹ Common European Reference Framework for Languages: http://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/

	Continued expansion on vocabulary and grammar
	Analysis of cultural and historical events in Spanish-speaking countries
	Course Book: ¿Qué pasa?, Book 4, Diesterweg Verlag
	Materials (starting at approx. the 2nd semester of grade 10):
	Authentic fictitious and factual texts, pictures, movie clips, song texts – partially shortened for educational use.
	Written exams: 4 class tests ² , duration 90 minutes:
	Vocabulary/grammar
	Listening comprehension
	Summarizing texts
	Text analysis
	Creative texts (letters, e-mails, etc.)
	Translation
Grades	 Understand more complex statements and texts of a variety of genres with partially unknown vocabulary – some on
11 and 12	non-familiar topics.
4 hours/week	• Express one's thoughts in a functionally appropriate and differentiated matter that conforms to standards (in written
	and spoken form)
	Write structured, cohesive texts of all required genres while using complex linguistic elements
	Continued expansion on vocabulary and grammar
	Materials: Authentic fictitious and factual texts, movie clips, plays, TV shows, pictures, songs, etc.
	Written exams in grade 11: 3 class tests, duration 135 minutes:
	Vocabulary/grammar
	Listening Comprehension
	Summarizing texts
	Text analysis
	Creative texts (letters, e-mails, etc.)
	Translation
	1 oral language proficiency test:
	Listening comprehension

 $^{\rm 2}$ One test each may be replaced by an oral language proficiency test.

- Presentation
- Discussion

Written exams in grade 12: 3 class tests, duration 135 minutes:

- Vocabulary/grammar
- Listening comprehension
- Summarizing texts
- Text analysis
- Creative texts (letters, e-mails, etc.)
- Translation