

AP Spanish Language & Culture

About the Exam

Exam Overview

The AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam will test your ability to apply communication and language skills developed in the course and ask you to demonstrate your understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures.

Exam Duration

3hrs 3mins -- This does not include proctor instruction, which adds about an extra hour to the day.

Thursday, May 16, 2024 @ 7:45 AM (Door opens at 7:30 AM) Location: Auditorium

Students will be excused from all classes on test day.

*Students that arrive late will **not be allowed** to take the exam and will have to pay the restock fee.*

What to Bring on AP Exam Day

What to Bring:

- An [acceptable calculator](#) if your AP Exam allows the use of a calculator.
- A watch that does not have internet access, does not beep or make noise, and does not have an alarm.
- Chromebook with charger for AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam.
- Although the following will be provided for you. You are welcome to bring your own.
 - No. 2 pencils (No mechanical pencils)
 - Pens with black or dark blue ink

What NOT to Bring:

- Electronic equipment including phones, smartwatches, fitness trackers, wearable technology, cameras, recording or listening devices, or any other type of electronic or communication device.
 - Chromebooks are allowed only for the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam.
- Books, reference guides, notes, compasses, protractors, mechanical pencils, pencils that are not No. 2, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, or colored pencils.
- Scratch paper: Students are prohibited from bringing scratch paper to the AP Exam. For AP Chinese and AP Japanese Exams, scratch paper will be provided.
- Watches that beep, make a noise, or have an alarm.
- Computers or calculators that are not approved.
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions.
- Ear plugs.
- Clothing or shoes with subject-related information.
- Food or drink.
 - You are not permitted to eat while testing. Students will not be released during the 1st lunch and might be late for 2nd lunch. You are able to eat in the designated area during the 10-minute break between Sections 1 and 2 of the exam. You can have a water bottle with you while testing, just do not drink over the booklets.
- Clipboards.

A student observed with any of these prohibited items during testing or breaks may be dismissed from the exam, the device may be confiscated, the student's score may be canceled, and no retest may be permitted.

Follow any specific health and safety protocols for the exam room that your school may have in place. AP policies allow you to bring hand sanitizer to the room, but it must be placed under the desk, not on the desk. You may use any other PPE (such as masks) following your school's current requirements.

Exam Components

Section IA: Multiple Choice

30 questions | 40mins | 23% of Exam Score

This section presents 4 sets of authentic print sources (announcements/advertisements, literary texts, articles and charts, letters) with questions.

The questions will ask you to:

- Identify the main ideas and supporting details
- Determine the meaning of vocabulary words in context
- Identify the author's point of view or the target audience
- Demonstrate knowledge of the cultural or interdisciplinary information contained in the text

Section IB: Multiple Choice with Audio

35 questions | 55min | 27% of Exam Score

This section includes a variety of authentic audio sources, including conversations, audio reports, interviews, instructions, and presentations. It is divided into 2 subsections:

- The **first** includes 2 sets of audio sources that are paired with print materials on the same topic with questions (articles and audio reports, charts and conversations)
- The **second** includes 3 sets of audio sources with questions (interviews, instructions, presentations)

You will respond to questions about main ideas and supporting details. Some questions will require you to show understanding of cultural or interdisciplinary information.

You will have time to read a preview of each selection and skim the questions before listening to the audio. All audio texts will be played twice.

You are encouraged to take notes during this part of the exam and are given writing space for that purpose. Your notes will not be scored.

Section IIA: Free Response Written

2 questions | 1hr 10min | 25% of Exam Score

There are two writing tasks in this section:

- **Interpersonal Writing:** Read and reply to an email message (**15 minutes**)
- **Presentational Writing:** Write an argumentative essay based on 3 sources, including an article, a table, chart, graph, or infographic, and a related audio source (played twice), that present different viewpoints on a topic (**~55 minutes total: 15 minutes to review materials plus 40 minutes to write**). You will have access to the print sources and any notes you may take on the audio during the entire 40-minute writing period.

Section IIB: Free Response Spoken

2 questions | 18min | 25% of Exam Score

There are two speaking tasks in this section:

- **Interpersonal Speaking:** Participate in 5 exchanges in a simulated conversation (20 seconds for each response). For this conversation, you will be provided with a preview of the conversation, including an outline of each exchange.
- **Presentational Speaking:** Deliver a 2-minute presentation in response to a prompt in which you compare a cultural feature of a Spanish-speaking community with which you are familiar to your own community or another community.

The above information can be found at the following website:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-spanish-language-and-culture/assessment>

Exam Fees

Exam fees can be paid to the bookkeeping office starting Monday, May 20.

Exam Fee: \$97 per exam

- **\$40 unused/canceled exam fee** *will be charged to any student that decides not to take the AP exam and/or drops an AP class after Nov. 1st.*
- Some students may qualify for a CollegeBoard fee reduction or waiver.
 - *Please see the Testing Secretary for more details. Students that qualify for the fee reduction and have all paperwork submitted, will have exam fees waived.*

If you are not sure how much you need to pay or if you qualify for the fee reduction, please come by the Testing Window for clarification.

The ASB office accepts the following:

- Cash
- Card
 - NOT Accepted: Discover & American Express (AMEX)
- Check made payable to: **Eastmont High School - EHS**
****Please confirm the fee amount before writing a check.***
- No online or over-the-phone payments
- Payment plan options are available – **Please see Ms. Lepez at the Bookkeeping Office.**

There are many resources on the College Board website, take some time to review before test day.

Feel free to contact the EHS Bookkeeping Office or myself, if you have any questions or concerns regarding exam fees.

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