

Advanced Placement Spanish IV at James Bowie High School

It is very important that you and your student select courses for next year with careful consideration. ~~June 10th~~ **May 1st** will be the absolute deadline for any student or parent to **request changes**. This must be done through written communication with the data processing office at Bowie. **After ~~June 10th~~ May 1st**, requests for schedule changes **will not be considered** until a student has been in a class for two weeks. Such requests will go to committee for review and decision.

It is important that students learn to face challenges and that they understand the meaning of commitment. Furthermore, students' course selections determine the master schedule, the hiring and reassignment of teachers, and the purchase of classroom materials, so we will strictly adhere to these deadlines.

Spanish IV is an Honors Course (weighted), which prepares students for Spanish V AP. The College Board recommends the curriculum.

In order to ensure students' success, these criteria must be met:

- **Has maintained above an 85 average in Spanish I, II & III**
- **Completes assignments regularly and promptly**
- **Works well independently**
- **Has a high level of motivation and interest**
- **Has sufficient time to prepare out-of-class assignments**

During the year, students will develop reading and listening skills appropriate for unedited, authentic literary and journalistic text. They will plan and write essays in Spanish. They will participate in discussions in which they present, challenge and defend ideas. Students will have nightly homework assignments and weekly take-home quizzes to which they will need to dedicate a minimum of one hour to complete.

Students who successfully complete Spanish IV Honors will be able to continue on to the Spanish V AP course. **After Spanish V AP, students may take the Advanced Placement Exam or take a college placement exam at the institution they plan to attend.** The score and the college, which students plan to attend, will determine the amount of college credit students will receive. On average, Bowie students achieve an 80 to 95% passing rate on the Spanish Advanced Placement Exam.

If you have any questions, please contact Spanish IV teacher, Valerie Boreing at 841-4163.

With their signatures on the James Bowie High School Course Contract, parents and students acknowledge their understanding of the commitment required to succeed in this course.