

Information for advising Spanish-speaking students

- **CBE (gain credit only)**- This is for students who do not want to take a Spanish class but would like to receive credit. Also, this would apply to students who are not strong or dedicated enough students to handle the rigor of honors and AP classes. The counselor can help them make the appropriate decision. Remind students they can get credit for as many levels as they successfully pass and then would not have to take the class. The grade for each level successfully passed is reflected in their transcript. The counselor arranges the CBE. The student can wait until they get to MHS9 to take it.
- **Credential (learn more Spanish)** – If the student is interested in furthering their knowledge of Spanish and are strong and dedicated enough to handle the rigor of honors and AP classes, they can consider credentialing into a Spanish class. The MHS Spanish teachers can credential the student into an appropriate level of Spanish. At a minimum, the students should expect to speak, write, and read to assess their level of Spanish. The process involves making an appointment via email with the teacher in advance. Credentialing opportunities will be available during the last week of February and the week before school starts for students in August.

Information supplied to students:

Take Spanish 3 **Honors** if:

- you want to take AP Spanish.
 - The goal of Honors is to prepare students to take the AP class, therefore:
 - It is a rigorous class.
 - There are timed speaking and writing assessments.
 - Honors has more homework and assessments.
- you are willing to do the work, spell words correctly, study, and learn the grammar in order to pass the AP test.
- you want to learn more about the Spanish language and the culture of the Spanish speaking world.
- if you want to take Spanish 5 Honors and/or Spanish 6 Honors

Take **Spanish 4 AP** if you want develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing, skills that are needed for the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam by:

- listening, understanding and answering questions about a dialogue or narrative in the target language from a variety of Spanish-speaking countries.
- reading, understanding and answering questions on passages, essays or authentic literature.
- knowing and being able to use appropriate vocabulary and grammar concepts on the AP level.
- speaking in both the formal and informal registers on a variety of topics.
- responding to questions or statements in a continuous conversation format using appropriate vocabulary and grammar for the setting.
- reading and responding to emails using the formal form of address.
- writing organized essays in Spanish using appropriate grammar and vocabulary.