

Spanish Curriculum/Textbook Review

Senders

The committee reported that the Vista product is superior to the other products reviewed. The committee was determined to find a product that is student-centered and supports all learners, and this product includes the most resources for cultural and differentiated instruction. The online platform and all of the supplemental materials align with and support the Carson City School District ELA 6-12 curriculum and assessments.

Notes

- 6 UNIT PROGRAM
- Oral tests/ with Native Speakers Q's & Students speak in electronically & customize it. "Live language" headphones needed w/ Chromebooks or iPad but you can use if you'd like
- Partner chat: talk w/ other Students on other side of the classroom "Live language" headphones needed w/ Chromebook or iPad but you can use if you'd like
- Nice grammar/content flow & organization
- Tech resources: you can download every resources (even videos) from the desktop
- If adopted we will get ongoing training with this & get lots of follow up live trainers that will come out & train us
- All docs downloadable in word, PDF & online format. If you do it online it grades it for you + customize computer assessments so all students get a slightly diff version so they can't cheat
- Gradebook: grades 80% of all activities grades sentences & put in lots of criteria
- Training: new ongoing webinars every couple of weeks available (she does this in her PLC)
- Pros: backwards design, 6 step Instructional design organization, supersite *integrated authentic media for ea. Lesson so topics are current, auto graded activities (you don't grade grammar & vocab and then when students get instant feedback they can correct right away & its more meaningful,
- Login to calendar which shows link to diff activities for diff days
- Audio hyperlink vocab lists
- All activities have link to dictionary
- Flashcards give instant feedback & score afterwards
- YouTube library w/ no adds
- Grammar conjugation practice online, students submit after & get a grade *even full students*fill in the blank, word bank, partner activities, almost every format imaginable + final exams (larger assessments) with listening comp, fill-in-the-blank, reading comp, word banks, etc. nice variety. With online platform & customizable online. For differentiation, make separate period names 'IA' for students w/ accommodations & same # of activities etc.
- Grading tip: choose 1 question e.g. # 3 & grade everyone on that so that you're not grading ALL THE TIME! YAY!
- Differentiated assessment levels low, medium, high
- Authentic content from all 21 countries people that for them looking for videos, etc.*
- Easy to flip between student and teacher view on the online platform
- Everything in one place under 'content' drop down tab from top bar
- Vtext (virtual textbook) videos w/ words shown (1-7 min long videos) + script available from bottom bar as Spanish/English transcript. Level 3 & 4 videos are short films 15-25 minutes.

- Video grammar lessons w/ tutorials this guy is throughout the eBook with the S icon on every page & transcripts for all lessons available in the resources
- Audio feature for text highlights words as they are read at a nice reasonable pace
- En pantalla: S feature video + transcripts available as a sidebar on the videos or downloadable in docx for
- System does the work & integrates many diff types of accents and cultural perspectives/topics
- Culture videos walk through of Machu Picchu
- Flash cultural
- On resources click all from resources + download & upload to st page so they have it all in one place
- I can statements from ACTFL up to date + rubrics
- Sub & co-teacher logins for online platform
- Resources: download, upload & make them visible to other teachers
- Plan A: assign online & have it auto graded + Plan B: downloaded from online platform + Plan C: old fashioned CD-ROM
- Online assessment sections customizable so when you push it out they aren't all on the same screen at the same time & able to see/cheat from each other's screens + use the system to prepare them for the assessment. Compatibility w/ IC & MasteryConnect possible if both IT people communicate & work it out together. Also maybe connect with Washoe County School district since they adopted en Espanol by Santillana & maybe they know how to connect & easy download the grades from the VISTA to Infinite campus gradebook
- Google DRIVE: w/ teacher created resources organized *by Perla* contributed from teachers around the country custom created for VISTA. Check out final exams, power points w/ visuals etc. Can we get access to this?
- Assign work to students in 2 places: activities (has YouTube videos embedded w/o ads) & assessment
- grading $\frac{1}{5}$ writing activities at random & tell students you're not sure which one so they work equally as hard as possible
- Custom graded assessment: upload resource under 'resources' & do that again with activities in word box + under announcements
- Partner activities: students record what they say