

Spanish Curriculum/Textbook Review

Galeria

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 7-12 curriculum and assessments.

Notes

- Each model (chapter) has multiple phases around the same theme that hits multiple learning targets.
- Each chapter covers specific grammar, spelling/punctuation, differences in the Spanish language (words, grammar usage, etc.), highlighted skills (like writing an email), genre studies, literary elements, and written/oral expression along with a final project.
- Text and activities will challenge students to develop their vocabulary, their writing and literary skills.
- Supporting resources deliver cross-curricular content (history, science, art, music, etc.)
- Each module encourages multiple sets of skills that hit the 5C's of ACTFL (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities).
- Students will study different regions of Spanish speaking countries and be able to make comparisons to their Spanish they have learned from their family.
- In the teacher's version, it shows differentiation for different class levels, so the books can be used in multiple levels.
- There is focus on vocabulary in context and interdisciplinary vocabulary.
- Big focus on culture and features specific countries with their authors, singers/musicians, music, and other things that influence the culture of that country.
- Each chapter has multiple examples of the literature type that is being featured. It also focuses on different literary elements and has them compare two types of the same literary works, which then has them creating their own.
- Focuses on art and music of the region.
- In the final phase students put everything together with a final project and then has them evaluate their work in the chapter (yay metacognition).
- All of the models spiral throughout and have the same phases in each one.