

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Stephen Buchs, Director of Curriculum 6-12

TO: District 301 Board of Education, Dr. Tim Kilrea and Dr. Kyle Schumacher, Interim
-Superintendents

DATE: March 12, 2026

RE: Textbook Adoption for HS Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1 - \$5,566.21

MATERIALS:

- Vista Higher Learning, HS Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1, Galería de lengua y cultura 1
 - Qty 30 Hardcopies at \$90.95= \$2,728.50
 - Qty - 42 Galeria 2025 1-2 Supersite Plus(v) + WebSAM (1 yr license) at \$54.95 = \$2,307.90
 - Galleria 2025 1 Teacher Resource Bundle at \$330.95

Rationale:

This textbook allows for a lot of differentiation within the book (each chapter has three phases). The teachers examining this textbook liked the amount of authentic written and video texts as well as the variation of the texts (which might differ depending on the learners in class). It comes with an excellent online platform which allows for plenty of practice. Although not a designated pre-AP book, it does incorporate the six AP themes. This textbook allows for a lot of flexibility. The units do not need to be taught in order, and teachers can also pick and choose elements from each unit without losing cohesion in their instruction. Differentiation is woven through the entire textbook series. An additional benefit is that this series also offers a level 2 (and higher). This textbook series also has a lot to offer when looking at the learner perspective: The excellent online platform allows learners to be interactive with the material. Also, the learners can get feedback from the platform without always having to wait for the teacher's feedback. The ready-made rubrics that are integrated into the textbook allow the learner to see ahead of time what they will be graded on.

Proposal information supplied by: Juana Lopez-Zarate, Anette Bliss

Textbook Information:

- Publisher: Vista Higher Learning
- Name of Text :Galería de lengua y cultura 1 (Español para hispanohablantes)



- Copyright: 2025
- ISBN: 978-1-66991-532-4

Recommendation:

The Vista Higher Learning textbooks are recommended for purchase beginning for the 2026-2027 school year. These books will be a new resource for our students and staff. This selection is going to bring a textbook forward to support a brand new course offered to our native Spanish speakers. This textbook was evaluated with an additional requirement to be series with a second level to support a future Spanish for Heritage Speakers 2 course. Another area to mention is that this is an intentional 1 year purchase to better match the number of students interested in the course. When the number of students taking the course stabilize a longer multiyear subscription will be requested.