

Proposed Edmentum Partnership for Spanish 3 Instruction

Background

As the start of the 2025-2026 school year approaches on Wednesday, we are faced with a critical vacancy in our full-time, upper-level Spanish position. This has created an immediate need to secure a quality instructional solution to ensure that our students can continue their academic progression without interruption.

Proposed Solution

We propose a partnership with Edmentum to provide Spanish 3 instruction for the first semester. This plan involves utilizing the Ed Options Academy Enhanced Virtual Instruction with a live online teacher. Our students currently enrolled in Spanish for Spanish Speakers will be absorbed into this Spanish 3 course. A Stillman Valley High School (SVHS) teacher will supervise the class on-site at SVHS, providing a crucial point of contact and support for students. This blended model ensures students receive instruction from a licensed Spanish teacher while also having a familiar face for in-person oversight.

Financial Analysis

The total cost for this solution for the first semester, serving an estimated 20 students, is \$10,540.00. We have secured a potential reimbursement of \$5,500.00 from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Illinois Virtual program. It is important to note that this reimbursement is contingent on all enrolled students passing the course, and will be prorated based on student success.

Based on these figures, the net cost to the district for the first semester is projected to be \$5,040.00. We will attempt to find a certified teacher for the second semester, and if we're unable to do so, this contract will be renewed for the second semester.

Recommendation

Given the pressing timeline and the need to provide continuity for our students, I recommend the Board of Education consider approval of this partnership with Edmentum. This solution allows us to bridge the gap created by the staffing vacancy, provide a solid instructional program with a live certified teacher, and do so with a manageable net cost to the district. Approval of this plan will allow us to immediately enroll students and begin the program on the first day of school.