

## 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 1 - \$52,404.58

---

### MATERIALS:

- Vista Higher Learning, HS Spanish 1 - Senderos 1
  - Qty - 120 Hardcopy and ebook/Supersite+WebSAM 6yr at \$193.95 = total \$23,274.00
- Vista Higher Learning, HS Spanish 1 - Senderos 1
  - Qty - 120 Supersite+WebSAM 6yr at \$168.95 = total \$20,274.00
  - Qty - 121 Supersite+WebSAM 1yr at \$44.95 = total \$20,274.00

### Rationale:

This textbook for the regular Spanish 1 classroom is published by Vista Higher Learning. The main target group for Spanish 1 are students in grades 8 or 9, with occasional students taking Spanish 1 in grade 10 or grade 11. Senderos 1 has six chapters, which is equivalent to the amount of chapters currently covered in level 1. The six units cover typical introductory topics for the language classroom: Greetings/ identifying you and others; school life; family; freetime activities; vacation; clothing & shopping.

A strength of the program is the VHL Platform which contains an extremely wide variety of materials for assessments and assignments including speaking in pairs, listening, interpersonal conversations with an avatar. This series also comes with the "V Text" = the virtual textbook in which teachers can assign activities. In addition, teachers can use them for classroom work, print paper copies, and there are also grammar tutorials that can be used for a flipped classroom experience and as review materials. Another strength of this textbook is that it comes with many authentic cultural readings that are interlinked with videos to show what is being taught. This would be a welcomed change to looking at old pictures in our current textbook series. The Fotonovela (video) is entertaining.

In a nutshell: Cultural information is integrated into the activities, the book connects culture to the U.S which is part of the AP Spanish Language exam in every unit, it focuses on the main communicative skills reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The assessments can be given digitally or printed on paper. The lengths of the units and the amount of content covered would work well with a variety of learners with different needs (which will be invaluable as we work towards the mandate that will be imposed for everyone to take two years of language). The vocabulary is presented in videos, there are also flashcards that the learners can use to study with audio, and the teacher can also assign vocabulary activities in which



students practice repeating the words with the audio (and, after repeating them several times, students can record themselves and submit it for instructor feedback). Grammar is integrated more naturally through conversations first and then it is presented, analyzed and specifically taught. This approach will be beneficial for a multitude of learners.

Proposal information supplied by: Juana Lopez-Zarate, Jen Bustos

- Publisher: Vista Higher Learning
- Name of Text: *Senderos 1*
- Copyright: 2023
- ISBN: 978-1-54336-935-9
- Edition 1st

**Recommendation:**

The Vista Higher Learning Senderos 1 textbooks are recommended for purchase beginning for the 2026-2027 school year. These books will be a replacement resource for our students and staff. This selection is going to bring our resources up to date with a blend of textbook and rich online interactive content for level 1 Spanish. This supports our new 2 year graduation requirement for future students in the Spanish language program.