



Offshoot of the Spanish Institute of Honduras

FAQs

Hello! Thank you for your interest in our immersive Spanish program. If you have any additional questions, contact our administrator Dana Argueta at dana@spanishinstituteofhonduras.com.

Is there a workbook?

We send you a PDF of the book for you to print. Each student should have a copy.

How do payments work? What is your policy on cancellations, and are refunds available?

Invoices are sent at the beginning of the month for the classes scheduled. If you need to change or cancel a class within your normal schedule, please let us know by the Friday before. Payments can be sent via PayPal or Zelle.

When are the breaks?

[Click here for the school calendar](#). Days that are US holidays but not Honduran holidays, we will schedule you as normal unless otherwise requested. We are only on break the week before Easter, the first week of July, the first week of October, and Christmas week(s).

Do the students learn independently?

We have found that our students learn best when they have the space to feel comfortable to make mistakes. We encourage parents to not translate for their students and allow them to process independently.

Do they need any other materials?

Each student needs to have their book, a notebook, and writing utensils on hand for the class. Elementary students should have access to crayons or markers, paper, scissors, and glue. The teacher will occasionally ask for more specific materials, but we will let you know in advance when possible.

Is there the opportunity to visit Honduras?

Yes, we love to have our online students come in person! Check out our other programs to learn more about coming to our school.

What will my child learn at each level? How long will it take to complete the level?

[Follow this link for our curriculum guide.](#)

How long and how often are the classes?

We recommend an hour session, twice a week.

Is there work outside of class? Do you provide any additional materials like flashcards, online games, or access to recordings?

Yes, teachers may assign homework in the book, on our online platform, or just to study the terms they learned that day. There is about 20 minutes of homework per hour lesson. We also provide additional resources at our adolescent level via our online platform.

How do group classes work?

Students would have to be in the same range and at the same level of Spanish. If you are interested in a group class, we can help link you up with other families. Students can connect from the same device or various locations.

What kind of Spanish will they learn?

Our teachers are all native Hondurans, but they will teach general Spanish language and grammar for Latin America. We focus on the more formal “usted” form, but we can adapt to using the “tú” form if requested.

How do you assess a child’s progress, and will parents receive regular updates or reports?

Typically, we only send a grade report at the end of the level, but we are able to provide them more frequently. Since our focus is on conversation, the only official graded assignment is the exam at the end of the level.

How do you determine when a child is ready to move up to the next level? Are there assessments?

We aim for at least 75% mastery of topics before moving on to the next level, evaluated through oral assessment. The written assessment is supplementary.

Is this a Christian program?

Our school and teachers are Christian, but we understand that not all of our families hold our beliefs. In your sign up form, you will indicate what you are comfortable with.

Thank you,
Dana Argueta & The Puentes Team

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Testimonials

We have loved our Spanish classes with SIH! My 13 and 11 year old have gone from knowing mostly nothing in Spanish to being able to have small conversations together. I take classes with my kids because I wanted to improve my Spanish from the little I knew in high school, and we all have grown tremendously in our Spanish speaking and comprehension. The teachers keep it fun and enjoyable while helping us learn and grow. Thank you SIH for all you do!

Dene Pinkerton, mother and student

I have never left a review for anything before, but I would highly recommend Puentes Homeschool to all of my friends. We love how personalized it is and that the class goes at our pace. And the teachers... love them! My kids look forward to seeing them and having class. Also, homeschooling is not cheap, so I really appreciate how affordable the classes are.

Chelsie Reading, mother to Abby (14), Oliver (13), and Everett (11)

There is so much joy and laughter during our kids' Spanish lessons! I never would have thought that online immersion Spanish classes could feel so personal and warm. The Puentes teachers are patient, kind, and thorough. Our kids have learned a ton, and they really enjoy it, too! We are very grateful.

Jordan Smith, mother to A.S. (13), E.S. (12), M.S. (9), and H.S. (7)

"Puentes Homeschool Spanish has quickly become the favorite class of the week. The teachers are knowledgeable, patient, and encouraging. The instruction takes place over Zoom which allows people in other time zones to take class together. I would highly recommend Puentes to families or co-ops looking for a great immersion Spanish class."

Carmen Anglin, mother to Nathan (15)