Dear Students:

In order to create the best academic environment for every student, the World Language department is proud to offer multiple levels of instruction. The information below will provide insight into the process for determining student placement for 8th grade as well as information on the Spanish Accelerated Class.

**What levels are offered?**

In 8th grade, the courses that are offered are a standard Spanish class and an Accelerated class.

**How are placements for the advanced class determined?**

Placement begins with an application of interest from the student. The student must then complete a rubric regarding his/her learning. Students will also provide a writing sample and hold an interview with the Spanish teachers. Finally, the students’ yearly class test average and post-test grade will be used to determine eligibility.

* Application
* Student Self-Assessment Rubric
* Yearly Test Grades (93% or greater)
* Post-test grade (93% or greater)
* Writing sample
* Oral interview

It is important to note that there is not much flexibility in the programs. Once you’ve been accepted into the accelerated program you must finish out the year in that class.

**What are the benefits of taking the advanced Spanish class?**

Students in the 8th grade Advanced Spanish class will be recommended for the Advanced Spanish class at Watchung Hills Regional High School as freshman. Students will also have the benefit of learning Spanish in a limited setting along with other students who possess the same learning goals. This class will be more rigorous and students will be challenged to learn advanced grammar concepts and vocabulary. Students will use the same textbook as the advanced classes in WHRHS giving them an advantage over other students and the sending districts. This class will be taught 100% in Spanish giving students the chance to become conversational in the language.

**Am I prepared to be successful in an advanced class?**

*Students in advanced classes...*

* Possess exceptional self-direction, initiative, and perseverance.
* Are highly organized and possess excellent time-management skills.
* Analyze, evaluate and synthesize more complex and in depth concepts.
* Are expected to complete more independent work at home.
* Will have shorter timelines for project completion.
* Are motivated to apply what they learn beyond the classroom.
* Have genuine interest in the subject and the work associated with it.

Attached please find the application and the student rubric. If after careful thought and consideration you decide that you’d like to be considered for the advanced class please complete the application and rubric and submit to your World Language teacher by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We hope that you’ll be joining us on what is sure to be a successful and exciting year.

Sincerely,

Your Spanish teachers