

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS: GRADE 5 SPANISH



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

My name is Michele Slais and I am thrilled to be teaching grade 5 Spanish again this year along with Rick Vazzano, a Trumbull native, who brings experience from Wilton and Ridgefield Public Schools. I teach Spanish at Frenchtown, Tashua, and Trumbull High School. My experience in the classroom includes teaching at Trumbull High School for the last sixteen years. Prior to coming to Trumbull, I taught Spanish at the elementary level in Westport for three years where I had the opportunity to help create their Spanish elementary program.

Introductory Spanish is offered as a full-year course meeting for forty-five minutes once per week for students in Grade 5. The core belief is that students will develop the necessary foundation in both the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures on their journey to bilingualism. This foundation begins with a geographical lens on where Spanish is spoken worldwide. Students will situate themselves globally before getting into the fundamentals: introducing oneself, greetings and salutations, and becoming familiar with the Spanish calendar. My ultimate goal is for students to maximize their time both in the classroom and ensure their continued pursuit of language acquisition outside the classroom as well. Once skills are transferred outside the classroom, students will have become more culturally competent and true global citizens.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the program or general questions for me, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to a fun, productive, and enriching year with your child!

Saludos,

Sra. Slais

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