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# Spanish Immersion Pods

Program Guide



Chocolingua Academy





# Spanish Immersion Pods–Montclair, NJ

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Our Spanish Immersion Learning Pods are small, in-person sessions that introduce young children to the Spanish language through joyful, play-based experiences. These sessions focus on sparking curiosity and building confidence through storytelling, music, movement, art, and cultural exploration—all in a fully Spanish-speaking environment.

Designed to feel natural and engaging, the pods help children absorb Spanish the way they learn their first language: through connection, repetition, and meaningful play. Each session offers a warm and welcoming space where students explore new words, develop listening skills, and enjoy expressing themselves in Spanish.

The program is led by trained bilingual educators and guided by Chocolingua's Director, Profe Romero, who ensures quality, consistency, and a child-centered approach. Our learning pods nurture a love for language while celebrating culture, creativity, and community.

### What Your Child Will Experience:

- ☀️ Story-based adventures that bring the Spanish language to life through imagination and connection.
- 🎵 Songs and movement to build vocabulary, rhythm, and joyful engagement
- 🎭 Creative expression through cultural art, dramatic play, and acting to explore traditions.
- 🧘 Yoga and mindfulness activities that nurture focus, body awareness, and emotional well-being.
- 🍲 Cultural food experiences to discover customs and flavors when opportunities arise.
- 🎮 Themed games and pretend play that make learning Spanish fun, meaningful, and memorable.



# Age Placement Guidelines

At Chocolingua, our courses are grouped by age and developmental readiness—not rigid levels. Each stage builds naturally on the one before, deepening your child's language journey through play, creativity, and cultural connection.

## Course Descriptions by Age Group

### **Curiosos**

**Ages 4–6**  
(Pre-K & Kindergarten)

A playful introduction to Spanish designed for young beginners. Through songs, games, movement, and storytelling, children build vocabulary, develop listening and speaking skills, and gain confidence in a fun, fully immersive environment.

### **Aventureros**

**Ages 7–9**  
(1st–3rd Grade)

An engaging Spanish immersion class where children grow their communication skills through games, songs, movement, and conversation. Students build confidence using simple sentences and expressions in a fun, interactive environment.

### **Exploradores**

**Ages 10–12**  
(Upper Elementary & Middle School)

A creative and immersive Spanish class for kids ready to express themselves more fully. Through real-world themes, collaborative projects, and cultural exploration, students expand their vocabulary and fluency while building confidence in speaking and storytelling.

Children begin with a joyful introduction in Curiosos, grow their vocabulary and comprehension in Aventureros, and move toward confidence and creative expression in Exploradores. Every learner progresses at their own pace, and we don't rely on tests or formal assessments. Instead, we honor growth through experience and celebrate each child's progress with encouragement and a personalized certificate.

While our pods focus on immersion and exploration, Chocolingua will also offer structured academic Spanish courses in the future.



# Course Pathway

## Spanish Learning Progression




Our Spanish Immersion Pods are thoughtfully designed to grow with your child. Each seasonal session—Fall, Winter, and Spring—builds upon the last, creating a natural progression that strengthens comprehension, communication, and confidence over time.

Children typically remain in the same group—Curiosos, Aventureros, or Exploradores—for one to two years before moving up. While group names stay the same, course content is refreshed annually to ensure returning students explore new vocabulary, cultural themes, and creative projects without repeating material.

This pathway supports:

- Reinforcement through varied, engaging experiences
- A developmentally paced journey for long-term language growth
- Individual growth supported by age-appropriate activities and peer collaboration

Students who complete Spring 101 are eligible for 201-level courses the following fall if they meet the age requirement. Otherwise, they remain in their current group and continue with new, age-appropriate content the following year. *See chart below for a visual guide to the course progression.*

	 OTOÑO (FALL)	 INVIERNO (WINTER)	 PRIMAVERA (SPRING)
<b>Curiosos</b> Ages 4–6 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)	101	102	103
<b>Aventureros</b> Ages 7–9 (1st–3rd Grade)	201	202	203
<b>Exploradores</b> Ages 10–12 (Upper Elementary & Middle School)	301	302	303





# Fall Program 2025

## Tentative Schedule – 7-Session Format

DATE	THEME
SEPT. 12	<p>● HOLA, MUNDO! <i>A JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD SAYING HELLO TO NEW FRIENDS.</i></p>
SEPT. 19	<p>● EMOCIONES MÁGICAS <i>DISCOVERING MAGICAL WAYS TO EXPRESS HOW WE FEEL EACH DAY.</i></p>
SEPT. 26	<p>● BOSQUE DE FORMAS <i>WANDERING THROUGH A FOREST FILLED WITH SHAPES, ANIMALS, AND SURPRISES.</i></p>
OCT. 3	<p>● ALBÚM DE FOTOS <i>CREATING A PHOTO ALBUM TO SHARE ABOUT OUR FAMILY AND OURSELVES.</i></p>
OCT. 10	<p>● EL OTOÑO CON Ñ <i>JUMPING INTO FALL FUN WHILE PLAYING WITH WORDS THAT HAVE THE LETTER Ñ.</i></p>
OCT.17	<p>● HOJAS DE COLORES <i>EXPLORING COLORFUL LEAVES AND AUTUMN ADVENTURES THROUGH ART AND PLAY.</i></p>
OCT. 24	<p>● DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS <i>GENTLY CELEBRATING LIFE AND MEMORY THROUGH SYMBOLS, MUSIC, AND TRADITION.</i></p>





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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is a Spanish Immersion class/pod?**

At Chocolingua Academy, our Spanish Immersion Learning Pods are small, in-person sessions designed to introduce children to Spanish through joyful, play-based experiences. From day one, children are immersed in Spanish—starting with 90% and progressing to 100%—supported by gestures, visuals, and consistent routines.

Led by trained bilingual educators and guided by Director Profe Romero, each session blends storytelling, music, movement, art, and cultural exploration to spark curiosity and build confidence. Our immersive approach mirrors how children learn their first language—through connection, repetition, and meaningful play—fostering fluency, self-expression, and a lifelong love of language.

### **How is the Spanish Immersion Pods curriculum structured?**

Our Immersion Pods follow a thoughtfully designed progression, guided by internationally recognized frameworks like CEFR and ACTFL. These standards provide broad developmental and proficiency guidelines that help us shape consistent, age-appropriate instruction aligned with how children naturally acquire language. While we don't use rigid levels in our pods, these frameworks offer a clear path for growth. Our focus is on steady progress through immersive experiences—stories, songs, movement, and play—rather than formal testing or strict leveling.

### **Do you accept beginners and bilingual children?**

Yes! We welcome children with all levels of Spanish—from total beginners to fluent speakers. Our inclusive, play-based method supports each child at their own pace through consistent routines, visual cues, and hands-on learning.

### **Can my child switch groups for scheduling convenience?**

While we understand scheduling needs, our age-based groups are carefully designed to match developmental stages and optimize learning. Placement prioritizes your child's best educational experience.

### **What is the age cutoff for enrolling in a course?**

Children should meet the minimum age requirement by September 1st of the current school year. For example, to join *Curiosos* in the fall session, a child must turn 4 years old by September 1st. This helps us group children by both age and developmental readiness for the best learning experience.

### **What if we miss a class?**

We understand that life happens! Here's our updated Make-Up Policy:

- One (1) make-up class is allowed per semester per child, based on availability.
- Make-ups are not guaranteed and must be scheduled in advance.
- Missed classes are non-refundable and non-transferable unless canceled by Chocolingua due to weather or an emergency.

### **What happens if we can't make it to a session or are running late?**

We kindly ask for 24 hours' notice via email or text if your child can't attend or if you need to request a transfer to another available time. If you're running late or unable to attend, please notify us as soon as possible. Your first missed or late session is complimentary. After that, the full session fee applies, as our instructors have reserved this time specifically for your group class.

### **How does arrival, drop-off, and pick-up work?**

Chocolingua is a drop-off program designed to foster your child's independence and confidence while learning in Spanish. Please make sure to drop off your child on time. As parking is limited, we're happy to meet you at the building entrance—just let us know in advance. Caregivers are also welcome to wait in the lobby, if they prefer.

For pick-up, it's equally important to be on time, as the next group begins shortly after with only a 15-minute transition. If you anticipate being late, please notify the instructor in advance.

### **Will my child receive learning materials? Is there a fee?**

Yes! There is a \$10 materials fee that provides a learning folder for *Curiosos* and *Aventureros* and a binder for *Exploradores*. These help students keep their work and resources organized during the course.

### **What supplies should my child bring to class?**

Please send your child with a water bottle. Snacks aren't typically provided, but you may pack a small, nut-free snack if needed. Any other materials will be shared ahead of time by the instructor.

### **What safety measures and certifications does Chocolingua have for in-person classes?**

Chocolingua LLC is a registered Language School Academy in the state of New Jersey. We are fully insured, and all of our in-person instructors are CPR-certified. These measures reflect our commitment to providing a safe, professional, and trustworthy environment where children can thrive while learning Spanish.

*For additional questions, please refer to the General Questions section on our FAQ page.*

