

Dear Parent/Guardian,

New Castle County Vocational Technical School District has engaged in a collaborative partnership with Apex Learning, an accredited Distance Education School. Apex Learning is a provider of digital curriculum for secondary education to the nation's school districts. This program is a computer-based (online) instructional program which is correlated to the Delaware State Foreign Language Standards. This program can be accessed via the internet on any computer at <http://apex.com>.

There are two options for your child when enrolled in the Apex Learning Spanish II course. The formats are: completely online or "face-to-face"/online. The format your child receives is dependent on their co-op status. Both formats are facilitated by a Spanish instructor, provide one-on-one tutoring help, and may be accessed from home 24 hours, seven days a week.

Parents and students should be aware that the demands of an online course are equal to or greater than the traditional "face-to-face" courses. While online instruction places more responsibility on the students, it offers a greater range of flexibility when fitting class work into their schedules. Students will receive training, course materials, assignments, announcements, and communications with their online instructor throughout the duration of the course. In the "face-to-face" meetings, teachers will answer questions, provide guidance and support, or have students submit assignments and take tests. The specific times and dates of those meetings will be provided in the student training session.

Students will submit hard copies of their assignments during "face-to face" meetings with their instructors. Students will take quizzes electronically; however, all tests and speaking requirements will be conducted in a "face-to-face" setting. The instructor will score assignments in a timely manner and post grades to the HAC system, which is viewable by parents and students.

It is very important for parents and students to understand that their grade will be averaged into the student's GPA on his/her transcript. Any questions, comments, or concerns about the Spanish course can be directed to Sarah Vieni-Vento at [sarah.vieni-vento@nccvt.k12.de.us](mailto:sarah.vieni-vento@nccvt.k12.de.us).

I look forward to working with your student this year,

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