

**EUSTACE
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

**SPANISH LANGUAGE
PROGRAM**

**ENGLISH AS A
SECOND LANGUAGE**

*“Bulldog
Proud”*

Educators:

Lisa Bynum
Spanish II, III

Karey Smith
Spanish I, ESL



Mrs. Bynum graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M University at College Station with a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages, majoring in Spanish and minoring in French. She earned her Master of Arts in Spanish from Texas A&M as well, graduating with a 4.0 grade point average. She twice received the Thomas S. Gathwright award for academic excellence in Liberal Arts. She was honored as an outstanding graduate assistant—teaching while working on her M. A. Mrs. Bynum has studied in Spain and has visited Peru and Costa Rica. She recently attended the Richardson Summer Institute at Austin College for foreign language educators of Texas. Mrs. Bynum has taught for 21 years in Texas secondary schools, and has worked in Eustace for fourteen years.



Mrs. Smith graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. She minored in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). Mrs. Smith studied in Mexico at the University of Guadalajara and at the International University of Cuernavaca. She is certified in Spanish for grades six through twelve. She has earned her certification in teaching English as a Second Language. This is her seventh year to teach Spanish and her third year at Eustace.

Overview of Eustace High School Spanish Program

Eustace ISD offers Spanish I, II, and III at the high school level.

The recommended graduation plan requires successful completion of Spanish I and II. The distinguished plan requires Spanish I, II, and III.

Over view of Eustace High School English as a Second Language Program

Eustace ISD offers ESL classes to students identified as having limited English proficiency (LEP).

Fundamentals of Second Language Adquisition

Foreign language acquisition involves a combination of communication skills such as listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Our primary goal is to promote communication by

developing these skills and giving our students the opportunity to practice them in a classroom setting. We strongly encourage the students to apply their language skills in their personal lives by interacting with native speakers. In addition, we promote awareness of the Spanish language commonly found in Texas. Fluency in a second language is achieved when that language becomes part of a student's life beyond the classroom setting.

By analyzing another language and comparing it to the native tongue, students become more aware of the structure and internal logic of both languages, and of the similarities and differences in languages.

By examining another culture, students are able to analyze differences and similarities between cultures, thereby enhancing their appreciation and knowledge of their own society as well as promoting cultural sensitivity.

Spanish II classes review and expand on the vocabulary and concepts taught in Spanish I, and Spanish III explores more complex

grammatical structure while continuing to expand vocabulary.

For more information:

If you have questions concerning the Spanish program at Eustace, please feel free to contact any of the following.

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