Valeria Ortiz

Spanish Teacher

Spanish teacher with 5 years teaching level 1 through AP Language and Culture to classes of 25 to 30 in middle and high school. Native speaker who plans instructional strategies around speaking practice and the ACTFL proficiency guidelines, uses data analysis to target skills, and keeps classroom management steady.

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Experience

Spanish Teacher

Coral Bay Senior High School • Miami, FL • 08/2023 - Present

Public high school with 2,600 students and a world languages magnet.

- Teach **6** sections of levels 2 and 3 and AP Spanish Language to 165 students a year.
- Raised the AP exam pass rate from 68% to 84% in 2 years with weekly timed speaking practice.
- Design differentiated instruction for heritage speakers and beginners in the same class using leveled readings.
- Track speaking and writing scores against ACTFL proficiency levels and share results with the department each term.

Spanish Teacher

Palmetto Grove Middle School • Miami, FL • 08/2021 - 06/2023

Public middle school with 1,200 students.

- Taught level 1 and exploratory world language courses to 150 students a year in grades 6 to 8.
- Built a unit library of 12 themed units with songs, short films and authentic texts for 3 teachers.
- Organized an annual Hispanic Heritage Month showcase with 200 student performers and family guests.
- Collaborated with 2 ESOL teachers to support 20 newcomer students in their first year of school.

Certificates

Florida Professional Educator Certificate, Spanish K-12

Florida Department of Education • 06/2023

Skills

Spanish (Native)
AP Spanish Language
ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines
Instructional Strategies
Differentiated Instruction
Data Analysis
Classroom Management
Lesson Planning
Collaboration
Communication Skills

Education

Bachelor of Arts

Florida International University

Miami, FL

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Spanish, Foreign Language Education