



May 2020

Dear 2020 Spanish Academy Student,

*¡Bienvenido!* You have been selected from more than 600 applicants to be a participant in the *Virginia Governor's World Language Academies*. On behalf of the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and Washington and Lee University (W&L), we would like to extend our congratulations to you. We look forward to meeting you and your family at the virtual opening ceremonies on **MONDAY, June 22**.

The following items are included in this **WELCOME PACKET**:

- **Welcome letter from the director of the Spanish Academy**
- **Student behavior guidelines and expectations**
- **Student activities form**
- **Students-Please take our technology survey here:**  
<https://forms.gle/eXd2GeV2i5eW1Miq7>
- **Forms required by the Host Site:**
  - Explanation of Policies and Expectations (to read)
  - Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement Under Policies and Expectations (to read and to sign)
  - Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (to read)
  - Computer and Internet Agreement (to read and to sign)
  - Student Release Form for Use of Photograph, Image, Voice, Performance and Appearances (to read and to sign)

It is important that you and your parents review all items carefully, especially the rules and expectations, which have been jointly established by the Virginia Department of Education and Washington and Lee University.

Once again, on behalf of the *Virginia Governor's World Language Academies*, we congratulate you on your acceptance to this unique and exciting program. Please accept our best wishes for the successful end of your school year.

Yours sincerely,

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**IMPORTANT DATES:  
(Please post at home)**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
(Wednesday)**

**Deadline to fill necessary documents from this packet**

Please complete online all permission forms and other necessary forms by MAY 27.

**June 22, 2020  
(Monday)**

**Virtual Opening Day for the Spanish Academy**

Opening Ceremony

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

**July 3, 2020  
(Friday)**

**Virtual Closing Ceremonies for the Spanish Academy**

Closing Ceremony

2:00 PM-3:00 PM

The closing ceremony will highlight the accomplishments of the students over the two-week period. Certificates and gifts will be mailed to the students.

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## ACADEMIA ESPAÑOLA DEL GOBERNADOR DE VIRGINIA VERANO 2020

1 de mayo de 2020

Muy estimado/a estudiante:

Me gustaría ser el primero en darte la bienvenida a la Academia Española del Gobernador 2020. Te felicito por tus habilidades, esfuerzo y empeño, que te han llevado a ser aceptado/a en un programa tan especial. ¡Mi más sincera enhorabuena!

Este verano vas a formar parte de un selecto grupo de estudiantes que, durante dos semanas, estarán inmersos en la lengua española y la cultura hispánica. Una educación de estas características es una oportunidad única para sumergirte de lleno en la complejidad y los matices de una lengua tan rica y diversa como el español. Sin duda, supondrá un reto para ti enfrentarte a una situación que requiere hablar, escuchar, leer y escribir en español durante gran parte del día. Pero estoy plenamente convencido de que saldrás airoso/a de esta prueba, y con mayor entusiasmo por el español del que tenías antes de empezar la Academia.

El estado actual de los acontecimientos en la nación y en el mundo entero nos ha llevado a tomar la decisión de celebrar la Academia online por primera vez en la historia. Esta es una ocasión única y excepcional, porque vivimos en tiempos excepcionales. No obstante, esto no va a impedir que tengas una experiencia educativa completa: tanto el profesorado como los asistentes, y todos los implicados en la organización de la Academia, hemos trabajado y seguiremos trabajando para que tu exposición al español sea la máxima posible.

Sé que va a ser un desafío para todos, pero también sé que vas a trabajar mucho para sacar provecho de esta experiencia. Estoy convencido de que todos vamos a disfrutar enormemente de **NUESTRA ACADEMIA**, todos vamos a aprender mucho de esta experiencia y vamos a salir más fortalecidos y más sabios.

Por favor, lee minuciosamente este documento. En él encontrarás toda la información necesaria acerca de los requisitos, expectativas y recomendaciones de la Academia.

De parte del profesorado y de los asistentes supervisores, te envío un saludo afectuoso con la esperanza de que esta Academia Española sea para ti una experiencia realmente inolvidable. Con mucha ilusión de conocerte a ti y a todos/as tus compañeros y compañeras el día 22 de junio, quedo a la espera de tus noticias,

Javier Buenadicha  
Director

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Para más información, visita nuestra página web :

<http://www.vagovernorsschool.com/SpanishAcademy/>

O puedes escribirme un correo electrónico a la dirección arriba indicada.

## Student behavior guidelines and expectations

We are fortunate to serve the brightest and most motivated language students in Virginia, and all of you have been highly recommended by your teachers and schools. Therefore, disciplinary infractions are rare and 99 percent of you will finish the program with no problems. In all cases of disciplinary issues or concerns, parents will be informed as soon as possible.

You are expected to:

- Participate in all required Academy events;
- Be on time;
- Be prepared (bring whatever you need for classes/activities);
- Show respect and consideration to others;
- Maintain a positive attitude and contribute positively to the community spirit of the Academy;
- Follow all Academy rules, regulations, and procedures, and comply with faculty and staff instructions.
- Use Spanish at all times during online courses and activities.

### Use of English

**Spanish Immersion Academy:** Full immersion in a foreign language is the best way—and some say the only way—to become a fluent speaker of that language. With the exception of the opening ceremonies, all events of the Governor’s Spanish Academy will be conducted exclusively in Spanish.

Students are expected to use exclusively Spanish during all Academy events. Students of the Spanish Academy **may be dismissed for deliberate and/or repeated use of English or other languages (except Japanese) during virtual meetings, activities or academic classes.** Students **are** permitted to use English at home while not participating in Academy events.

Please make sure you have the commitment to make the continual effort to use the target language at all times. We understand that this will be challenging in the beginning, and the Academy staff will do everything in their power to support you and ease the transition to fluency in the Academy language. We promise that the skills you have developed in your target language will benefit you for a lifetime.

### Dress Code

Clothing should be casual for classes and activities. Please use the following guidelines for what to wear during your virtual experience.

- Clothing should be neat, modest, comfortable, and appropriate.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.
- Shorts/skirts/dresses must be at least fingertip length.
- Spaghetti straps, strapless dresses and shirts, bare midriffs, cleavage, exposed undergarments, and offensive messages are not permitted.
- Pajamas and swimwear are not permitted.

Spanish Academy students should avoid clothing with English texts. Names of places or brand names are fine. You are encouraged to wear clothes that emphasize the culture of Spanish-speaking countries or the Spanish language.

### **Video Conferencing Etiquette**

- Keep your video on at all times. This allows everyone to know it is really you and that you are currently participating. If you need to leave, ask permission or excuse yourself just as you would in an in-person class or gathering.
- Don't participate while in bed.
- If possible, make an effort to show a neutral background rather than personal spaces such as a bedroom.
- Virtual backgrounds must be in good taste. A neutral color or photo representative of one of the Academy target cultures is preferred. No lewd, indecent, or offensive photos or videos are permitted.
- Register with your own first name. You may not attempt to enter a meeting under someone else's identity.
- Do not record video or audio or take a screenshot without permission from the facilitator or teacher.
- Unless it is being used as your primary device for accessing Academy events, please have your cell phone turned off and not visible during online instruction.

Please, visit <https://forms.gle/Wzq11C65G9W58LLE6> and sign the form online by May 27.

## Student activities form

### Proyectos “El revoltijo”

Los estudiantes van a trabajar en grupo cada tarde para la creación de varias obras. Esta actividad sirve para utilizar el español de manera práctica y pragmática.

**Instrucciones:** Lee detenidamente las siguientes actividades y completa después el formulario en el siguiente enlace: <https://forms.gle/fQQ5g4KwbnfB2VD87>

#### **Grupo de baile**

¿Te gusta mover el cuerpo según el ritmo? ¿Te gusta coreografiar movimientos o aprenderlos? Los miembros de este grupo aprenden y practican bailes hispanos. No se requiere experiencia previa para ser parte de este grupo. Al fin todos saben que son los expertos de la danza latina.

#### **La tuna**

Este es el coro y grupo de música de la academia. Aprende canciones hispanas y disfruta cantando e interpretando la música. Si tocas algún instrumento musical o te gusta cantar, ¡este es tu grupo!

#### **La Tecnología**

Los estudiantes en este grupo mantendrán el blog y la página web a diario. Efectúan entrevistas a los miembros de los otros proyectos y las publican en el blog. El grupo es responsable por la creación y producción del flash drive que incluye fotos, vídeos, música y texto que conmemoran la academia, y del cual cada estudiante recibirá una copia.

#### **Programa de radio: La Academia Informa**

Es el noticiario oficial de la Academia. Este grupo se hace responsable de presentar noticias nacionales e internacionales. También efectúan entrevistas a miembros de otros grupos y de las otras academias para mantenerte al tanto de lo que ocurre a tu alrededor.

#### **Grupo de arte**

¿Te gusta dibujar? ¿Estás interesado en el arte? Tal vez es el proyecto para ti. Aprende los secretos de los más grandes artistas del mundo hispano, los museos, monumentos y las obras maestras más representativas de nuestro rico entramado cultural.



Washington and Lee University, the Host Site, requests that parents/guardians and students/participants in the online full-immersion language academies (French, German, and Spanish) review and sign, where applicable, those documents listed below. The document titles are the links themselves. Please act upon this prior to 11:59 PM on May 27, 2020.

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