

Dear Future Rockhurst Freshman,

Congratulations on your acceptance as a student at Rockhurst High School! We offer Qualifying Exams in Spanish, French, and Latin. Scores from these examinations will determine whether an in-coming freshman will test out of the first year course of his chosen language. In order to advance to Spanish 2 or French 2, the student must have knowledge of elementary vocabulary used at home, in school, with friends, and in various leisure activities. This includes vocabulary pertaining to clothing, weather, travel and food. The student will also demonstrate a grasp of elementary grammar principles necessary to communicate, including: present tense (and preterit for Spanish) of regular and irregular verbs, gender, adjectives, agreement, comparison, interrogatives and negatives. He is expected to be able to communicate with a native speaker at an elementary level. He is also able to read for global comprehension, ask questions, describe people and things, identify, give information, compare, contrast, invite, use idiomatic expressions correctly--in short to communicate.

SPANISH--100 pts. Multiple choice & Written.

I. General Vocabulary

II. Grammar

- A. Definite and Indefinite Articles
- B. Gender & Number
- C. Ser & Estar
- D. Saber & Conocer
- E. Possessives
- F. General Vocabulary (Written and Multiple Choice)
- G. Idiomatic Expressions
- H. Present Tense (Multiple Choice)
- I. Preterit Tense (Multiple Choice)

III. Reading Passage & Questions (Multiple Choice)

FRENCH--100 pts. (Written)

I. General Vocabulary

II. Grammar

- A. Gender & Number
- B. Definite and Indefinite Articles
- C. Adjectives and Adverbs
- D. Present Tense
- E. Idiomatic Expressions

III. Numbers and Time

IV. Reading Passage

In order to advance to Latin 2, the student must know all five noun declensions, verb endings for all five conjugations, declension of all pronouns, formation of all infinitives and participles. Students should also be able to translate into good English prose both simple grammatical constructions and the complex constructions of indirect statement and ablative absolutes.

LATIN--100 pts.

Written

I. Translation--Latin to English and English to Latin

II. Grammar

III. Syntax of words

Please be aware that if you choose to take the examination and you qualify or advance to the second year level of the language, *you will still be required to take two years of the language*. That is, as a sophomore you will take what is normally a third year class of the sequence. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Good luck in your upcoming years of studies at Rockhurst.

Sincerely,

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