

2021 - 2022 COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE



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SPANISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE

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	Phone	Ages/Grades Served	Costs	Onsite at Schools	Languages
1	281-669-7633	Adults ages 18+	Costs vary	Yes	English, Spanish
2	713-789-6338	Adults ages 18+	Costs vary	No	Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish
3	713-789-4555 713-789-4324	Ages 16-17 and Adults ages 18+	Costs vary	No	Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish
4	713-747-9255	Adults ages 18+	Free	No	English, Spanish
5	713-924-8775	Adults ages 18+	Costs vary	No	Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish
6	713-393-4700	Adults ages 18+	Free	No	English, Spanish
7	713-718-5400 713-718-8300 713-718-8000 713-718-5700 713-718-7800	Adults ages 18+	Free	Yes	English, French, German, Khmer, Lao, Persian, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese
8	832-393-1313	Adults ages 18+	Free	No	Arabic, Chinese, English, Spanish, Vietnamese, others
9	713-348-4019	Adults ages 18+	Costs vary	No	Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish
10	713-667-9111	Adults ages 18+	Free	No	English, French, Italian, Spanish
11	713-313-7489	Adults ages 18+	Costs vary	No	English, Spanish
12	281-283-3033	Adults ages 18+	Costs vary	No	Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese

ALAR Institute Inc.

Address: 6420 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77057
Area Served: Greater Houston
Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-10pm
Contact: Patricia Donatti, Executive Director
Phone: 281-669-7633
Fax: 281-558-7402
Email: pdonatti@alarnet.org
Website: <http://www.alarnet.org/spanish.html>
Local Bus Routes: 25, 47
Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+
Eligibility: No area restrictions.
Costs: Costs vary. • Call to ask about specific costs.
Onsite at Schools: Yes. • Offers adult education programs at 51 HISD campuses.
Languages: English, Spanish
Direct Services: Offers 60 hours of classes in Spanish conversation and basic grammar.

Be Bilingual

Address: 9055 Gaylord Drive, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77024
Area Served: Greater Houston
Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-7:30pm, Saturday, 9am-3pm
Contact: Liz Thrush, Director
Phone: 713-789-6338
Fax: Not available
Email: languages@bebilingual.com
Website: <http://bebilingual.com/language-schools-in-houston/spanish-lessons-houston>
Local Bus Routes: 39, 70, 72
Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+
Eligibility: No area restrictions. • Requires registration for classes and a language assessment.
Costs: Costs vary. • Call to ask about specific costs.
Onsite at Schools: No
Languages: Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish
Direct Services: Offers 90-minute, one-on-one classes for conversational Spanish. • Also offers Spanish language immersion programs and courses in five other foreign languages.

Bilingual Education Institute

Address: 6060 Richmond Avenue, Suite 180, Houston, TX 77057
Area Served: Harris County
Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8am-9pm, Saturday, 9am-12pm. • Spanish classes: Monday-Thursday, 7pm-8:30pm, Saturday, 9am-12pm.
Contact: Gordana Arnautovic, Executive Director
Phone: 713-789-4555 or 713-789-4324
Fax: 713-789-4541
Email: bei@bei.edu
Website: <http://www.bei.edu/other-languages/spanish-group-courses>
Local Bus Routes: 25, 32
Ages/Grades Served: Ages 16-17 and adults ages 18+
Eligibility: Requires proof of residence and proof of refugee status. • Must be ages 16+ and must have lived in the United States of America for no longer than five years. • Requires an application and registration for classes.
Costs: Costs vary. • Costs start at \$399 for tuition for language programs, plus costs of materials or registration. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

Direct Services: Provides seven-week courses for six levels of Spanish, each focused on developing skills in grammar, conversation, listening, reading, and writing. • Also provides intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) and non-English language course options for adults. • Offers students a place to engage in conversation, drama, and creative writing projects to support language skills development in a non-threatening environment.

East Side University

Address: 3614 Holman Street, Houston, TX 77004

Area Served: Greater Third Ward and Greater Houston Area

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Thursday, 9am-7pm. • Program: Monday- Thursday, 10am-7pm,

Contact: Jackie Aguilera, President/CEO

Phone: 713-747-9255

Fax: 713-747-6101

Email: eastsideuniv@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.esuvclc.org>

Local Bus Routes: 900 (METRO rail), 29, 54

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 17 and up

Eligibility: Residing in the Greater Houston Area or relocating to the Greater Houston Area

Costs: \$120 for 6 months of educational services. Sliding scale based on income

Onsite at Schools: Customizable educational support can be provided for additional fees. Open to evaluation on case by case basis

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Provides adult literacy and job training skills education including high school equivalency exam prep (GED), Adult Basic Education (ABE), Us Citizenship interview prep, English as a Second Language (ESL), financial, health, and digital literacy (including graphic design, basic computer skills, Microsoft Office products, Northstar Digital Literacy certification, and GOOGLE tools certification). Through community partners, offers parenting, conflict resolution, nutrition, and college and career preparation.

European School of Languages

Address: 2013 Gillette Street, Houston, TX 77006

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Sunday, 7am-10pm. • Spanish classes: Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-11:30am and 11am-12:30pm.

Contact: Silvia Garrues

Phone: 713-924-8775

Fax: Not available

Email: silvia@spanishlessonshouston.com

Website: <http://www.silviaslanguages.com/lessons-for-adults>

Local Bus Routes: 40, 56, 85

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: Must register for classes.

Costs: Costs vary. • Rates depend upon the number of persons in a class and start at \$299 per course. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

Direct Services: Offers seven-week Spanish language classes at beginner through advanced levels. • Also offers courses in seven other foreign languages.

Gulf Coast Community Services Association Inc.

Address: 9320 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054

Area Served: Harris County

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. • Spanish classes: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

Contact: Nikoletta Battistoni, Client Services Manager

Phone: 713-393-4700

Fax: 713-343-8701

Email: General questions: info@gccsa.org. • Spanish classes: battistonin@gccsa.org

Website: <http://www.gccsa.org/adult-education-and-literacy/eslss/>

Local Bus Routes: 700 (METRO rail), 8

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: Requires proof of identity, proof of residence in Harris County, and proof of income.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Provides classes for conversational Spanish. • Also provides classes for computer literacy, computer skills, English as a Second Language (ESL), and General Education Development (GED).

Houston Community College System

Area Served: Greater Houston

Location	Address	Days/Hours	Phone	Bus Routes
Main Office	3100 Main Street, BD07, BD08, BD09, Houston, TX 77002	Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm	713-718-5400	700 (METRO rail), 82
Northeast	555 Community College Drive, Houston, TX 77013	Monday-Thursday, 8am-10pm, Friday, 8am-4pm	713-718-8300	11, 97
Northline	401 Northline Mall, Houston, TX 77022	Monday-Thursday, 8am-10pm, Friday, 8am-4pm	713-718-8000	85

Location	Address	Days/Hours	Phone	Bus Routes
Town and Country	1010 West Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston, TX 77043	Monday-Thursday, 8am-10pm, Friday, 8am-4pm	713-718-5700	26, 39, 70, 72
Westgate	1550 Foxdale Drive, Houston, TX 77084	Monday-Thursday, 8am-10pm, Friday, 8am-4pm	713-718-7800	Not available

Contact: David Joost

Fax: 713-718-7617 or 713-718-5377

Email: General questions: hcc.adulteducation@hccs.edu. • Programs: david.joost@hccs.edu.

Website: <http://www.hccs.edu/corporate-college/training-solutions/spanish-esl-languages>

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: No area restrictions. • Requires registration for classes and a language assessment.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: Yes. • Offers Adult Basic Education (ABE) at 12 HISD schools.

Languages: English, French, German, Khmer, Lao, Persian, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese

Direct Services: Offers Spanish language classes. • Also offers classes for Adult Basic Education (ABE), English as a Second Language (ESL), and General Education Development (GED). • Refugee program provides workplace literacy and help with employment status and legal needs.

Houston Public Library

Address: 500 McKinney Street, Houston, TX 77002

Area Served: Houston

Days/Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10am-8pm, Friday-Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sunday, 1pm-5pm

Contact: Rhea Lawson, Executive Director

Phone: 832-393-1313

Fax: Not available

Email: Not available

Website: <http://houstonlibrary.org/research/world-languages>

Local Bus Routes: 40, 85, 161, 214

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: Requires a Houston Public Library card. • Requires creating an online account profile. • Call ahead for specific hours at each branch location.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, English, Farsi, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Marathi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese

Direct Services: Offers books, audiobooks, online media, and other resources in 20 languages. • Provides Mango language learning resources in eight languages • Provides a searchable online database of library events organized by age group, library, and event type. • Operates a system of 31 Neighborhood Libraries, four Regional Libraries, three Special Collection Libraries, four Express Libraries, the HPL Mobile Express, the satellite library located at the Children's Museum of Houston, and the Central Library.

Rice University School of Continuing Studies – Foreign Language Program

Address: 6100 Main Street, Houston, TX 77005

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm. • Spanish classes: Monday-Thursday, 5:45pm-7:15pm and 7:30pm-9pm.

Contact: Estefania Hernandez, Enrollment Coordinator

Phone: 713-348-4019

Fax: 713-348-6131

Email: fl@rice.edu

Website: <http://languages.rice.edu/about-foreign-language-program>

Local Bus Routes: 700 (METRO rail), 56

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: Requires an application. • Requires payment at the time of application. • Must take a pre-enrollment placement test if one already knows some Spanish.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition is \$440 per eight-week session. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

Direct Services: Offers eight-week Spanish language courses at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. • Classes focus on conversation, reading, writing, and Spanish culture and meet three hours per week. • Also offers courses in seven other foreign languages.

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Address: 6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77025

Area Served: Houston

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm

Contact: Mary Gosline, Director of Communication

Phone: 713-667-9111

Fax: 713-667-3453

Email: mgosline@svdp-houston.org

Website: <https://svdp-houston.org/adult-life-ministries-1>

Local Bus Routes: 2, 10

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: No area restrictions.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English, French, Italian, Spanish

Direct Services: Offers weekly language classes for adults, which last one to two hours.

Texas Southern University

Address: 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, TX 77004

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. • Spanish classes: Monday, 5:30pm-8:30pm and Wednesday, 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Contact: William Hamilton, Programs Coordinator

Phone: General questions: 713-313-7762. • Spanish classes: 713-313-7489.

Fax: 713-313-7851

Email: hamiltonwj@tsu.edu

Website: <http://www.tsu.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/office-of-continuing-education>

Local Bus Routes: 4, 25

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: Requires registration for courses. • Requires payment at the time of application.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition is \$220 per course excluding books and audio materials. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Offers semester-long courses in conversational Spanish.

University of Houston at Clear Lake School of Continuing Education

Address: 2700 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, TX 77058

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Thursday, 8am-6pm, Friday, 8am-5pm. • Spanish classes: Monday-Thursday, 4:30pm-8:30pm.

Contact: Christine Paul, Program Director

Phone: 281-283-3033

Fax: 281-283-3407

Email: paul@uhcl.edu

Website: <http://prtl.uhcl.edu/continuing-education/foreign-language-english-enhancement/languages>

Local Bus Routes: Not available

Ages/Grades Served: Adults ages 18+

Eligibility: Requires registration for courses.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition is \$145 per course excluding books and audio materials. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese

Direct Services: Offers seven-week courses in 10 foreign languages. • Offers Spanish at beginner to advanced levels. • Each weekly class is 90 minutes. • Specific course hours vary by the languages and course levels selected.