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COMPUTERS HELP APS TEACHERS LEARN SPANISH

APS teachers will soon be able to connect with their students on a number of levels thanks to a program called “MySpanishTeacher.com.” The 32,000 students at APS speak more than 90 languages and come from more than 100 different countries. Teachers are now learning to communicate in Spanish through an online course.

Teachers have completed orientation and are now logging on to take part in the specialized Spanish course. Learning another language on their own time with a personal Spanish tutor appeals to many teachers.

A pilot program of “MySpanishTeacher.com” proved to be a success last summer at APS. Now, all APS teachers are eligible to take part in this year’s course. Teachers learn to communicate with students and parents in Spanish. They learn words and phrases for everyday communication, while working at their own pace. The program features a user-friendly, interactive audio/visual approach with activities, games, cultural tips and e-mail reminders.

“MySpanishTeacher.com” is accessible at any computer with Internet access. No prior knowledge of Spanish is required. This district-funded program is available to teachers at no cost. They can earn one semester credit from the University of Colorado at Denver Health and Sciences Center by paying a fee.

APS is providing 700 teachers the chance to register with “MySpanishTeacher.com.” Participants must complete the program by September 2008.

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