

## WHICH CATEGORY OF SPANISH BACKGROUND AND TRAINING APPLIES TO ME?

### **Second Language Learner**

I learned or am learning the four basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) through formal study in the classroom. Here are a few examples:

- I attended a bilingual or dual language immersion elementary, middle, or high school, and have continued practicing the language
- I attended a bilingual or dual language immersion elementary, middle, or high school, and I don't remember much.
- I took Spanish language courses in high school.
- I took or am taking Spanish language courses at a college or university.
- I don't have familiarity with the Spanish language and haven't taken any courses.

### **Native Spanish Speaker or Heritage Spanish Speaker with some formal training**

I have familiarity with the four basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) from learning Spanish both in and out of the classroom. Here are a few examples:

- I grew up in a Spanish speaking country and learned the four basic language skills at home and in school.
- I grew up having conversations in Spanish with my family and friends, and I learned to read and write the language at school.
- I grew up listening to family members speak to me in Spanish. I responded in English when I was young, but I've since taken Spanish classes in school, which taught me to speak, read, and write the language.
- I grew up learning the four basic language skills from conversing and learning Spanish from family and friends. I took the AP exam to test my language skills compared to students who learned the language in the classroom.

### **Heritage Spanish Speaker with no formal training**

I have familiarity with the language, but don't have a full grasp of all four basic language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing). Here are a few examples:

- I grew up having conversations in Spanish with my family and friends, but I haven't learned in a classroom. My reading and writing skills need improvement.
- I grew up listening to family members speak Spanish to me. My listening skills are great, but I need to work on speaking, reading, and writing the language.
- I conversed in Spanish when I was young, but I am not confident in my language skills and haven't taken any Spanish language courses in school