

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!

Welcome back! We're excited you're continuing in Spanish. This year will be similar to last year, but the emphasis is now on USING the language. Last year we stressed memorizing vocabulary; this year we'll be working more with how the language works. It will be a little harder and we'll expect more from you, because this year YOU chose Spanish.

Materials Needed:

These are things you will need every day:

- Binder/Folder (for SPANISH only. Dividers are a good idea)
- Spiral notebook / loose leaf - for notes and homework
- Pen or Pencil
- **Red pen** for correcting homework
- Index cards - for flashcards

Classroom expectations:

- **iSpeak Spanish!**
- Be in your seats and ready to begin when the class starts.
- Raise your hand when you want to speak or need help.
- Respect others, yourself, and the objects around you.

What is my job and what is your job in this class?

- My job is to speak Spanish as much as possible, repeating and using actions so you can follow. When you understand me, you're learning Spanish.
- Your job is to pay attention in class, both to me and your classmates, and practice Spanish whenever possible and on our assignments and activities. How will you learn to speak Spanish if you don't practice speaking Spanish?
- Take ownership of your Spanish. Don't leave it in the classroom! It's yours to own for the rest of your life!

Consequences if you choose not to meet expectations include being sent out of the room, to the office, detention/after school and/or calls home.

Seeking Help

I will be available to you! I really want you all to succeed learning Spanish and I am willing to help you. Some good times are in Viking hour, Lunch and after school. PLEASE don't wait until it is too late - most confusion can be fixed very quickly and easily!

Cheating/Copying/Doing your own work:

It is absolutely expected that you will do your own work. You will never learn Spanish by copying someone else's work, and it's the wrong thing to do.

- Cheating on a test or quiz will result in a zero.
- Copying someone else's work will result in a zero for **both** the copier and the person whose paper is being copied.
- Use of on-line **translators** is prohibited, and will result in a zero. Use of on-line **dictionaries**, like wordreference.com, just like the use of paper dictionaries, is encouraged.
- What's the difference? It's the difference between looking up a word you don't know, in a dictionary, versus getting the computer to translate into Spanish a sentence or a paragraph that you have written in English.
- Students are welcome to bring their mobile devices to class to use as dictionaries during projects and writing assignments.
 - If the mobile device is being used inappropriately or is causing a distraction, it will be confiscated similar to a cell phone (see Parent/Student Handbook: Student Behavior - Cell Phones) . There will be **no** texting, messaging or surfing the web in class.
 - Students are solely responsible for any device or technology they bring to school (see Handbook Student School Day - Personal Electronics).

You will be graded on four things:

- **Homework = 15%**
- **100%** - completed homework in on time, **corrected in red**.
- **100%** - completed homework late **corrected in red outside of class time**.
- **0% - 70%** - completed homework late, not corrected; score reflects % correct.
- **0%** - no homework, incomplete, or done in class

- **Assessments = 50%**

Includes quizzes and exams, and most importantly, speaking tasks like presentations in Spanish. This will also include speaking tasks that are unrehearsed, that you do spontaneously in class.

- **Participation = 25%**

Speak! A big part of this grade is paying attentions and being on task in the class! Part of this will be measured by self-checks. This grade also includes discussions, games, and partner activities.

- **Puntos de la Práctica = 10%**

Zero points will be given for any work copied, done in class, or using a translator