

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!

Learning a language is an adventure. You start out not knowing where it will lead you in the future. Will it take you to a foreign country to travel? Will it help you get into the college you want to go to? Will you meet and speak with people who speak Spanish? Will it help you get a better job? Whatever the end result, the process of learning the language is the first step. We will start by learning some words and phrases, and eventually work up to talking in full sentences about our lives and activities. Learning a language requires lots of daily work, which means that **YOU** have to be responsible for a lot.

Materials Needed:

These are things you will need every day:

- Binder/Folder - for handouts and assignments
 - (Dividers will help you stay organized)
- Spiral notebook/loose leaf - for notes
- Pen or Pencil
- **Red pen** for correcting homework
- Index cards - for flashcards (have in your locker)

Grading:

You will be graded on four things; *homework, quizzes/tests, participation and Puntos.*

- Homework = 30%
 - 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
- Quizzes/ Tests / Projects = 40%
 - Includes quizzes, pop quizzes, and unit exams. Projects include poster/presentations, dialogs, multimedia. Students may have to work on projects at home as well as in class.
- Participation = 20%
 - Speak! Have fun! A big part of this grade is paying attention and being on task and **speaking Spanish** in the class! This grade also includes games, discussions, and partner activities.
- Puntos de la Práctica = 10%
 - You will earn these points by doing activities in the real word using your Spanish. We will talk about these in class, but you will do the work on your own. This is not extra credit, it's a regular part of the class that you are responsible for. Try to find something that you **WANT** to do.

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).
 - Students are solely responsible for any device or technology they bring to school (see Handbook Student School Day - Personal Electronics).

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.

Consequences if you choose not to meet expectations: I will use the following consequences if a student does not follow school or classroom expectations:

- Warning.
- Time out in hallway.
- Contact parents.
- Trip to the office.
- Lunch detention and /or 9th hour.

Other Stuff:

- Extra Credit is available.
- I will be available to you! I really want you all to succeed learning Spanish and I am willing to help you. You will need to see me to set up the best time for us. PLEASE don't wait until it is too late!

Let's GO! Get ready to learn a ton and have a blast doing it!