

Sutton MIDDLE SCHOOL
8th GRADE SPANISH

TEACHER

Sr. Fuentes

Course Description: 8th grade Spanish is an introduction to Spanish language and culture. The fundamentals of Spanish pronunciation grammar, and culture are presented through a balanced development of all four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The importance of communication and cultural awareness is stressed through a wide variety of activities (group/pair work, video, audio recordings, computer assignments, etc.). This course is designed for students with basic, intermediate, or advanced knowledge of Spanish language or culture. This course expects students to meet the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards for Foreign Language (attached) by developing the four basic language competencies (reading, writing, speaking, and listening).

Eighth Grade Objectives:

Developing of proficiency in the four language domains listening, speaking, reading and writing.

At the completion of this course, students are expected to be able to: Communicate in Spanish orally and in writing about everyday situations such as school, food, time, weather, etc.

Comprehend both written and spoken language about everyday situations such as school, food, time, weather, etc...

Demonstrate a basic understanding of Spanish spelling, pronunciation, and basic Spanish grammar.

Show some knowledge of the Hispanic world and of their geography, history, and daily life.

Connect Spanish studies with other subjects studied at Sutton Middle School and found in the world around you.

Illustrate similarities and differences between the Hispanic and American cultures.

Parental Involvement:

You can greatly assist with the student coming to class prepared and organized. You can help your child review for a test, quiz or project, who knows, you might learn some Spanish on the way!! J Acknowledgement of detention, discipline notices or late work will be appreciated.

THE ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE HONORED AT ALL TIMES.

Reglas de la clase:

1. Be in your seat AND PREPARED when the bell rings. Prepared means having all required materials ready for class.
2. Do NOT talk when the teacher is speaking.
3. Be on task at all times.
4. Raise your hand for permission to speak or get out of your seat.
5. Visible cell phones, i-pods, mp3 players, or other electronic devices will be confiscated and turned over to the administration.
7. Food and beverages should remain outside the classroom. NO sale of candy in class.
8. Chewing gum is **NOT ACCEPTABLE!**
9. Use the bathroom during the change of class (15-15 bathroom break regulation is in effect during class).
10. Communication will be in Spanish at least 93%.
11. Be courteous and respectful to everyone in this classroom at all times, excessive negative opinionative statements in a deteriorative, humiliating manner will not tolerated in class.

Materials:

Text: Avancemos A & B (\$60 cost to replace book). These books will be used ONLY in class.

1. Textbook (Provided) - daily
2. Pencil and Pen (blue or black, anything else will not be accepted) - daily
3. Spanish-English dictionary
4. Erasers and notebook paper- daily
5. Highlighter (any color) - daily
6. Composition Book - daily
7. 3-ring binder with 4 dividers labeled in which to keep materials (worksheets, returned work, study guides, works in progress ...) - daily
 - v Homework and Assignments
 - v Class work
 - v Vocabulary and Grammar
 - v Culture and fun stuff

Grading criteria:

- v 30% CLASSWORK/PARTICIPATION
- v 25% TESTS
- v 10% QUIZZES
- v 25% PROJECTS
- v 10% HOMEWORK

Grading scale for the Atlanta Public School System:

v 90-100	A
v 80-89	B
v 70-79	C
v 69 & below	F

***An effective and successful class must be based on the eight essential aspects:** RESPECT, HONESTY, PATIENCE, EFFORT, COOPERATION, DISPOSITION, PERCEVERANCE and DISCIPLINE (RHPECDPD).

Discipline is a must for the sake of the instruction and that of yourself, your classmates and your instruction coaches (teachers).

***Tardies:** Being on time - and that means SEATED when the bell rings - is of the upmost importance. When you are late, you disrupt the class and miss instruction. You will have one freebie, after that, EVERY UNEXCUSED TARDY will result in ONE DETENTION to be served.

***Homework:** There will be homework on a regular basis, either a WRITTEN or a STUDY assignment. If home learning is not done on the due date, the student will have a chance to turn in LATE HOMEWORK for 50% which will be averaged with tests, quizzes, class participation, and other grades to determine the final grade.

*All papers must be legible, written in blue or black ink, and headed in the following manner (in the upper right-hand corner): ** If the student's name is NOT on the paper, student will receive 5pts. Less .

First Name/ Last name
Date (in Spanish)
Class period

Example:

John Smith
20 de Agosto 2008
7th MTT

******* All other assignments such as class work, participation and projects will adhere to the same criteria as homework.**

***Make up work:** If an absence is excused, missed work may be made up. A note from the attendance office will be required to excuse the absence. You may have as many days to make up the work as you were absent.

***Oral participation:** Volunteering to answer when appropriate; Being on-task and responding when called on; Being prepared for class and ready to work when the bell rings; Helping to create and maintain a positive learning environment.

Each time a student does not meet one of the conditions listed above, she/he will lose 3 participation points. If she/he loses 9 or more points in one class period, disciplinary action may be taken.

***Plagiarism)**

- Students must cite every source and resource used for assignments.
- The use of on-line translators is prohibited.
- If there is inappropriate help from another person, use of on-line translation, or plagiarism (copying from a source without citation or copying someone else's work) the student will receive a zero and will NOT be able to make up the grade.
- Only approved on-line dictionaries should be used.
- No on-line tools should be used in class unless directed by the teacher.

***Behavior:** 1. Students will receive **one warning** for any disruption of class, not following classroom, school or county rules.

2. A second infraction will result in an after school **detention**.

Detentions will be served after school on an assigned date. Parents are responsible for after detention transportation. In addition, the parent may be called by teacher during class time to speak with the student.

Fijense bien: missed detentions will result in immediate referral to the administrative team.

3. After a detention has been assigned, further infractions beyond one warning will result in immediate referrals to the appropriate administrator. Should misbehaviors continue after this, parents will be further involved with the appropriate administrator

Tutorial for all Spanish learners:

Wednesday or by appointment. Please, don't let yourself get lost!

Should you wish to contact me with concerns or questions, I can be reached at Sutton Middle School during the day Sutton Middle School:

(404) 802-5600. E-mail: rfgarcia@atlanta.k12.ga.us (preferred method of contact)

I have read and understand all of the information on these pages. I agree to abide by guidelines in this document and to keep the syllabus in the front of my Spanish binder

Signature

Date

-TEACHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THIS SYLLABUS BASED UPON STUDENTS' NEEDS-