

Spanish

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Course Description:

This course description is designed to give students a basic understanding of Spanish language and culture. We will study vocabulary, verbs, and grammar to give students communication skills in the foreign language.

Method of Instruction:

Class will be conducted in Spanish with as little English as possible. Students are expected to actively participate in discussions and projects. We will use a combination of approaches-lecture, discussion, workshop, cooperative learning, including Kagan methods.

Objectives:

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Comprehend native speech with greater facility
- Successfully edit Spanish documents
- Demonstrate increased intercultural understanding as the basis for professional interactions in Spanish-speaking countries.

Attendance:

Regular class attendance is required. Repeated absences will negatively affect progress in the course.

In Case of Absence:

If you are absent you are expected to come to me before or after school to pick up your work OR you must ask a friend and copy their notes. You have 1-3 days to make up your work once you return. If it is not made up in 1-3 days you will receive a 0 (zero) for that work in the gradebook. However, if you make up the work at a later date I will give you credit.

NOTE: All make up work will be placed in a green box in your class folder. All work is dated. If you miss school make sure you pick up your work from the box **BEFORE** or **AFTER** class. Do not pick your missed work up during class time.

Grade Reports

Grade reports are sent home every Monday (first school day of the week). Students must bring the grade report back signed by their parent/guardian the following day for an easy 10/10. If students fail to bring the report back signed the day after grade reports are handed out, they will receive 0/10. This helps parents/guardians and students keep up to date with grades. If students forget to have their reports signed parents/guardians may e-mail me the day grade reports are due saying that they have seen their child's grade. Late e-mails and grade reports will NOT be accepted. In case of absence, it is the job of the student (you) to pick up their/your grade report on the day they/you return and hand it

back signed the following day. If you do not pick up your grade report the day you return you will receive a 0/10 for the assignment.

Method of Evaluation:

Participation: 10%

Participation grades are given daily. To receive credit, you must contribute verbally in a meaningful way to the class discussion and come with all assigned readings completed and written homework ready to discuss. You should also come to class prepared to ask questions, interact energetically with the group. You are expected to review course content week-to-week in order to fully engage with the material. This course will require significant student engagement due to the breadth and depth of content, and you must prepare diligently in order to succeed in the course.

Homework: 25%

Homework will be assigned and handed in as you walk into class unless told otherwise. We will learn a topic in class and what work is not finished practicing what you have just learned will be finished at home.

Quiz: 25%

After learning material and after practicing it you will be quizzed on it. Once the unit is completed you will be tested on it. Quizzes will take place at the beginning of class before we begin learning new material.

Tests: 30%

We will have 6 tests. You will be expected to incorporate multiple course themes into a coherent essay/paragraph. Everything we study in class will be on the test.

Final exam: 10%

Late in the trimester you will be provided with a list of topics and/or questions rooted in our class discussions and readings that will require you to pull together everything we have studied and covered throughout the course.

Supplies:

- 1 binder
- 4 dividers labeled grammaire, vocabulaire, exercices, contrôles
- 1 pencil for written work
- 1 eraser for pencil work
- 1 pencil sharpener NOT electric
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 Spanish-English dictionary

Basic Classroom Rules

- Raise your hand to speak
- Bring materials to class and have them ready when the bell rings.
- No gum, food, drink, or candy permitted.
- No speaking while the teacher is speaking

- No vandalism, treat classroom objects with care; pick up after yourself.
- Go to restroom and sharpen pencils before class.
- No leaving the classroom till I dismiss you.

Note: If a water bottle is ever left in my classroom then bottles will not be allowed in my classroom from that day forward. Make sure you clean up after yourselves in my classroom or you will slowly lose your rights to water bottles and other privileges.

Consequences

If students misbehave parents will be contacted. If students disobey teacher or disobey above rules then a referral will be written. If a student cheats s/he will receive an automatic zero for the assignment and will not be allowed a retake. Discipline is taken very seriously. Please make sure you abide by the school and teachers' rules.

Guidelines to be successful

- Be responsible
- Always try
- Do *your* best
- Treat everyone, including yourself, with respect
- Follow the appropriate expectations for class activities

IMPORTANT!! What if there is a sub for the class?

I take behavior when I am gone *very* seriously. Do NOT misbehave for a sub-plain and simple. I expect your behavior to be superior and I expect you to do and hand in the work I leave for you.

What about group work?

For group work opportunities, I expect everyone to be working and following the expectations for group work. Each person will have an assigned task and it will be their duty to see that it gets done. Students choosing not to work will see this reflected in their grade and may receive an alternative assignment.

What if I need to go to my locker or the restroom?

- Absolutely NO, NONE, NIL, NINGUNO hall passes will be given to your locker!
- You will have a maximum of THREE passes to the restroom per trimester
- If you lose your pass, I will not let you out of the room, unless it is an emergency

I have read and understand the syllabus above. I will abide by and agree with these
aforementioned rules, regulations, and expectations.

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____