

**Español**  
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**¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!**

**Be respectful.**  
**Be responsible.**  
**Be ready to learn.**  
**Be safe.**

Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities

#### **WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?**

- You are expected to come to class on time, prepared, and ready to learn. Every day you will need to bring paper and a writing utensil.
- You are expected to be a part of a mutually respectful learning environment in which all students can feel comfortable experimenting with the Spanish language. Please be kind to yourselves, to one another, and to your teacher.
- You should exhibit a willingness to experiment with the Spanish language. We will spend a lot of time speaking to one another in the target language – so don't be afraid to try!
- You are expected to practice your vocabulary and grammar outside of class time, even when there is no homework. Fifteen extra minutes a day will do wonders for your Spanish skills.

#### **HOW WILL I BE GRADED?**

Grades are calculated on a weighted system.

Homework – 15%	Tests / Projects – 35%	Participation / Verbal – 10%
Quizzes – 15%	Para Empezar – 10% <sup>1</sup>	Final Exam – 15%

#### **WHAT IF I AM ABSENT?**

Please refer to the student handbook for the attendance policy.

It is your responsibility to make up any notes that you may have missed; I will not provide you with this material. You may copy notes from another student from your class.

You are also responsible for making up a Para Empezar; never copy from another student because this will result in zero credit for both students. To make up the entry task, you will need to create five sentences in Spanish on your own using current vocabulary and grammar for each absence.

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<sup>1</sup> We will begin each class with Para Empezar, which will be the warm up; this too will be graded.

**WHAT MATERIALS WILL I NEED?**

Notebook (three ring binder or spiral) with plenty of paper  
Pen or pencil  
Spanish-English dictionary (recommended but not required)

**WHAT IF I NEED SOME HELP?**

I am in the classroom for at least a half hour before school and for a half hour after school, and I would love the opportunity to work with you individually. Please let me know ahead of time (if possible) so that I can help you with what you need.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity for teacher-access time almost every Thursday.

Also, making and using flashcards every day is a great way to memorize information. Additionally, you can check out a textbook or a dictionary for extra practice. Please do not use the internet to help you on any assignments; the internet will translate things for you, and this is considered cheating. It is not your own work and you will receive no credit.

**JUST A FEW MORE THINGS....**

- Late work is accepted for half of the credit earned; however, you may only turn it in before the chapter test. Once the chapter test has been taken, you may not make up any missing assignments. It is important keep everything organized and be sure to check your grades regularly.
- Cheating will not be permitted. This includes borrowing a friend's paper to "check answers", asking people for the answers, and using the internet to translate. Any sort of cheating will result in immediate loss of credit on the given assignment, project, quiz, or test.
- Cell phone usage is prohibited during any assessment. If a student is caught using a cell phone during a test/quiz period – even if the student has completed the test/quiz – it is an immediate loss of credit with no option to redo or make-up.
- Students may do Five Times for extra credit each chapter (which will be added onto the chapter test). Write each Spanish vocabulary word five times (and the English definition once) for every word on the chapter blue vocabulary sheet. These will be due the day before the chapter test.
- Students may have a snack, a drink with a lid, and gum in my classroom - as long as he/she cleans up afterward. If students abuse the privilege or create messes, no food will be permitted.
- During a fire alarm, students must remain with their teacher at all times.
- Please check your grades regularly. It is important to be aware of your progress.
- Please refer to student handbook for all other concerns.