Spanish I Syllabus

Spring 2021

Welcome to Spanish I! I am very excited to have you in my class this year and am looking forward to introducing you to a beautiful and dynamic language spoken by almost 500 million people worldwide! This course will focus on introductory Spanish and cover grammar concepts, vocabulary, and a little bit of culture. Learning a foreign language is no easy feat, but with some hard work, you will leave this class with the knowledge needed to begin speaking, reading, and writing basic Spanish.

Supplies

For this class, my traditional students will need:

* a notebook, binder, or a section in a binder dedicated only to Spanish
* a pack of index cards

We will be using the textbook **¡*Así se Dice! Level 1***in this class. VIP students will need to come to the school to pick up a copy immediately if they have not already done so already.

Grade Weights

Classwork/Homework\* 15%

Nine-Weeks Tests 20%

Quizzes\* 25%

Tests 40%

\*Your two lowest classwork grades and lowest quiz grade will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Contact

The best way to reach me is through the messaging system on Schoology. However, you may also email me at:

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Rules and Procedures

**For traditional students**:

1. No talking, eating, or using phone when teacher is talking/teaching.
2. Be respectful to everyone around you.
3. Stay in your seat unless given permission to do otherwise.
4. Keep your mask on (covering your nose and mouth) at all times.
5. Raise your hand to speak.

There will be 1 to 2 breaks a day called “Brain Breaks.” During brain breaks, you may eat, talk to your friends, and use your phone. You may not leave your seat, however.

Test Procedure

Tests will be open note. You will have until the end of the block to finish. Cell phone use, eating, or talking are STRICTLY prohibited during testing.

You may NOT take the VIP version of the test unless you are VIP or quarantined. ***If you miss a test, you will make it up when you return.***

Late/Missing Work

Work may be turned in up to one week late for a 65. After a week has passed, it becomes a zero. If you are absent, you have 3 days per day absent to make up any missed assignments. For instance, if you miss two days, you will have six days to turn in your make up work.

**For VIP students**:

1. Be respectful to one another on messaging boards.
2. No profanity or inappropriate comments.
3. The use of translators (Google translate, etc) will NOT be allowed. If you submit work that was copied from a translator, you will receive a **zero**. If you read the lessons and listen to/watch all posted materials, you will not need a translator. Using a dictionary to look up a word is fine. I recommend: [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)
4. Log in EVERY School day.
5. Keep an eye out for announcements on Schoology!!

Test Procedure

Tests and quizzes will be TIMED. Please be sure you have a stable internet connection and a full battery on your device before beginning a test. Once you begin a test, you will NOT be able to leave it and come back later**. Tests questions that are answered using a translator will NOT be counted correct**.

Late/Missing Work

Work MUST be submitted the day that is assigned. It may be submitted up to one week late for a 65. If it is later than a week, it will become a **zero**. Towards the end of each 9-weeks, you will have ONE opportunity to make up any missing zeros for a 65. I will let you know when this opportunity arises.