

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de Español 1! This syllabus is to show you some class procedures and expectations. It helps keep you on top of things – some due dates, assignments, projects, etc. ¡Buena Suerte y Vaya con Dios!

Class Description

Spanish 1 introduces a variety of aspects of Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Specific attention is given to basic communication, and emphasis is placed on grammar, vocabulary, speaking, writing, reading, and listening comprehension. **Students are expected to communicate as much as possible in the target language.**

Classroom Supplies

You need a notebook (*binder/folder with pockets & clips*), paper, pencil or blue/black pen. Your notebook needs 4 sections: culture, vocabulary, grammar, returned work. You may purchase (*not required*) a Spanish/English dictionary (*Larousse® is the best*), but there are several available in class. We also discuss helpful device apps.

Classroom Expectations

- **RESPECT:** yourself, others, and the learning process.
- Be prepared for class everyday.

If you cannot follow these expectations and all school policies, these steps will be taken, without exception:

- **1st Offense:** Warning
- **2nd Offense:** Student/Teacher Conference
- **3rd Offense:** Parent/Teacher Conference and 100 Word Writing Assignment (*in Spanish*)
- **4th / Subsequent Offenses:** Office Referral

Classroom Policies

- Cell phones are not allowed except for educational use. I will let you know when they are allowed. This usage is a privilege, and can be revoked without advance notice. Don't push your luck.
- Profanity, cursing, name-calling, labeling, or bullying is not tolerated, **ever**.
- No drinks or food are permitted in the classroom. Don't ask me to go get a snack.
- I am your teacher—not your dictionary. If we have already learned something, you are responsible for it. Please do not expect me to repeatedly give you information you should already know.
- All papers should be picked up from the labeled shelves **before** class starts.
- Cheating on any assignment will earn a grade of 0—no exceptions.
- Purses, backpacks, jackets, etc., are not allowed on your desk or in your lap during quizzes or tests.
- Snuggies® and blankets are not allowed; if you know you are always cold, wear a jacket.

Participation Grade / Speaking Spanish

Participation and speaking are vital to learning a language. We incorporate (*and you should speak*) as much Spanish as possible; plan on speaking mostly Spanish a minimum of one day per week, and that increases throughout the year. You start with 300; you end with 300, if you participate. If not, you lose 5 points daily (*sleeping in class is not participating*). Please don't mess this up.

Writing Assignment

You complete a writing assignment in Spanish every 6 weeks on a topic of my choice. Guidelines are discussed ahead of time. The number of words and topic difficulty increase each time.

Useful Websites / Apps

There is a plethora of online resources to assist you in language learning. There is a list posted in class.

Internet Assignment

You complete online work related to class work. You register to have your work sent to me via *Duolingo*. Assignments will be provided for each unit. Work is due by 12:00 AM the day of the unit test.

Recorded Assignment

You complete a recorded assignment each 9 weeks. Record the assigned paragraph, and send it to me via email. It is due at the *beginning* of class on the due date. Return the sheet to facilitate timely grading.

1st 9 Weeks – 24 September 2020

3rd 9 Weeks – 19 February 2021

2nd 9 Weeks – 03 December 2020

4th 9 Weeks – 05 May 2021

Tutoring

Tutoring is available on Monday and Thursday afternoons until 4:00 pm (*only when you provide advance notice*).

Grades

- Assignments and Point Totals
 - Recorded assignments (100 points, one/nine weeks) / Writing assignments (100 points, one/six weeks)
 - Unit tests (300 points each)
 - Quizzes (vocabulary and grammar)
 - Projects (varies based on content, incorporates class material, one/nine weeks)
 - In-class Participation (300 points, holistic, per nine weeks)
 - Internet work (aligned to class work / due with unit tests)
 - Homework / Class assignments (written work) / Reading (articles in the target language)
- Ten percent is deducted per day for late work. You have 3 days to make-up work, if you are absent. If it is not turned in by the 3rd day, you receive a grade of 0. See me with any extenuating circumstances.

Extra Credit Option - freerice.com

This app, through the United Nations World Food Program, provides rice to help feed the hungry around the world. As you donate rice, you help yourself. This is due the same day as your recorded assignment.

- You can donate as much as you like; I give limited credit; your documented donation of 5,000 grains (emailed screen shot) results in 2 extra points on top of your average. Any donation amount results in some credit. All work must be completed in the **Spanish** category.
- It is preferable to set up an account; this saves your work as you progress. If you do not have an account, glitches or cellular issues may cause you to lose already completed work.
- There is a class group; the class with highest total grains and highest average per student receives a reward. Everyone must participate for this to work. I will give you a class code to get you started.

Final Note

As with any class, you get out of it what you put into it. I make the commitment to help you, but I cannot and will not do for you what you should do for yourself. This class will require you to put forth some effort...if you are unwilling to try, it will be heavily reflected in your grades. Your refusal to do and/or to complete work will severely detract from your grade (*this will be documented*). You will receive the grade you earn...I do not give a grade unless you deserve the grade. Please make the most of this opportunity.

If you have questions about anything that is not covered in this document, please feel free to ask. I'm looking forward to a great year.

Jay Johnson, Spanish Teacher

Student Signature

Parent Signature