**Veterans High School**

**Spanish 2A/2B Syllabus**

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Bienvenidos estudiantes a la clase de Español Dos.

Please review the following information to ensure you understand the class expectations and what you need to do to succeed in Spanish class this semester. Parents/guardians need to review this syllabus with students then sign and return the last page. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me by email at edwin.vazquez@hcbe.net . You can also call the school office and leave a message for me at 478-218-7537.

**Course Description:** The Level II language course focuses on the continued development of communicative competence in the target language and understanding of the culture(s) of the people who speak the language. It assumes that the students have successfully completed a Level I course or are at a Novice-Mid level of proficiency. Students continue to focus on communicating about their immediate world and daily life activities, read material on familiar topics, and write short, directed compositions. Communication between students and instructors in the target language will be increased at this level.

**Please visit the following web site for information on course standards:**

[**https://www.georgiastandards.org/standards/pages/BrowseStandards/MLLStandards9-12.aspx**](https://www.georgiastandards.org/standards/pages/BrowseStandards/MLLStandards9-12.aspx)

**Textbook** – We will be using ***Español Santillana*** Level II. This book will stay in the classroom and students will be able to access the book on line at <https://houston.schoology.com>

**Materials**: Please be prepared for each class meeting with the following materials:

 -A **three-ring binder** with white lined paper, and a pen (black or blue **only**) or a pencil.

 \*\* Please ensure that you bring a pencil on assessment days.

**Grading System**: There are four categories for grades in Spanish 2 class:

* **Major assessments:** tests, major projects **….. ……………….……… 45%**
* **Minor assessments:** writing, listening and/or speaking Quizzes.**........ 20%**
* **Daily Work:** classwork, homework, Lab activities **………………….. 15%**
* **Final comprehensive** **end of semester exam: ……………….…… 20%**

 **Total = 100%**

**Assessment:** Students will be assessed through a variety of methods including: performance assessments, participation in oral exercises, traditional tests / quizzes, daily assignments, and class projects. **Students should plan on some form of assessment weekly, typically on Fridays.**

**Grades status:** Students and parents should **check grades** regularly (minimum weekly) in **Infinite Campus** to keep track of student’s course progress. Infinite Campus is a very user friendly tool and can be found in the HCBE parents’ links:[**http://www.hcbe.net/?DivisionID=14874&DepartmentID=17017**](http://www.hcbe.net/?DivisionID=14874&DepartmentID=17017) **. There is also a mobile app.**

**Tutoring:** At this time, there is no tutoring scheduled. Please contact me if you need extra assistance.

**CLASS EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**:

1. Come to class everyday prepared, with required materials (textbook included) and ready to learn.
2. ALWAYS be respectful of self, others, and school property. Contribute positively to our learning community.
3. **Gum, food and drinks** are NOT allowed in the classrooms (except for water).
4. Sleeping in class will not be tolerated. Detention will be given and parents will be contacted.
5. Students are expected to have **all assigned** work completed and ready to turn in at the **beginning of the class period**.
	* If not turned in when requested, it will not be collected that day. You will need to turn in the assignment the next day with a 15% late grade deduction.
6. **Late homework** will not be accepted after the second day. **AVOID ZEROS** by turning in work **on time**.
	* **Zeros in gradebook can significantly lower your overall grade point average in the class.**
7. **MAKE-UP WORK**: It is the **student’s responsibility** to get assignments missed from an **excused absence** and to complete it within **FIVE DAYS**. Failure to do so, will **result in a PERMANENT zero in the grade book**.
8. **NI’s. If you are going to be on an NI when a project is due, you MUST have it completed and turned in before you leave. I will not accept a project after the deadline. Plan ahead and accordingly.**
9. **Test Retake Policy:** Students will be allowed to retake **TWO** tests per semester.
* To retake a test, student **must** first attend tutoring and then retake the test within **five days** after the test was returned. After the five-day window has passed, students **WILL NOT** be allowed to retake that test.
1. Notebooks should **not** be left in the classroom. Any notebook left behind is not the teacher’s responsibility.
2. Please use the restroom before you come to class. Permission to use the restroom will **ONLY** be given for emergencies.
3. All the rules on the VHS Student Handbook apply and will be enforced.
4. **Be on TIME, be PREPARED, and be on TASK**.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS:**

1. First offense: teacher discretion.
2. Second offense: After school detention and parental contact.
3. Third offense: parental contact and office referral.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

The academic integrity of courses at VHS is of the utmost importance; as such, cheating or academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. If a student cheats or plagiarizes on any assessment, the result is a zero as a placeholder until the student has had the opportunity to demonstrate learning on an alternate assignment; the teacher must make parent contact.

* If the cheating or plagiarism occurs on a major assessment, the student should be referred to an administrator for review. Cheating or plagiarism on a major assessment will also result in alternative discipline or in-school suspension. The ISS assignment will be progressively graduated if it is a repeated offense.

**Google Classroom**

To encourage blended learning, online assignments will be posted weekly through Google Classroom. At least one Google Classroom assignment per week will be graded and entered in Infinite Campus. Students should be familiar with how to navigate the online platform, communicate with their teacher, and submit assignments on time.  If there are technology limitations, please notify the teacher.

**More SPANISH HELP**:

* **GOOGLE CLASSROOM, QUIZLET.COM**, and **StudySpanish.com** are very useful resource we will be using.

**Tips for a successful year in Spanish class:**

1. Review material covered in class **daily**. It is important for you to keep all of your papers organized in your 3-ring binder. This will help you locate material needed when preparing for each quiz and test.
2. Don't expect to be perfect! When learning a new language, expect that you will make mistakes, don't be embarrassed.
3. Take responsibility for your learning. Being motivated to learn and having a positive attitude, goes a long way.
4. Don’t be afraid to ask questions when something is unclear or you do not understand the material or concept presented.
5. Check your unit’s vocabulary and grammar material daily.
6. Be patient. Progress in language learning takes time.

**Please Complete and return this page only. Save page 1-3 in your notebook.**

**Student PRINTED Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PERIOD #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I have read the Spanish syllabus and understand what is expected of my child. I also realize that if I have any questions or concerns, I can email Mr. Vázquez at **edwin.vazquez@hcbe.net**or call the school at **478-218-7537, 64650.**

**Parent PRINTED name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Please be advised that contact during the semester is made mostly through email notification. Please fill in the contact information below.**

**Current email address #1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Current email address #2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **- Check box if no email address is available.**

**Daytime number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / Evening number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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