

Introduction

The objective of Spanish 1 and 2 is to set up the building blocks for a solid base of language learning. You won't be able to talk to the president of Mexico in Spanish about his philosophy on free trade. However, without the simple things you will learn in this class, you never will. This is a semester-long class. Students will be expected to maintain a grade of C to continue on to the next level.

Attendance

You must attend class regularly and be on time. Every class missed and every minute late is a missed opportunity. If you really want to learn...you'll be on time. In addition to missed opportunities there will be disciplinary action for tardiness. For period 2, students will be issued a warning for tardies (1-5). For periods 3-7, students will be issued a warning for tardies 1-3. Students will be assigned a class period in the Opportunity Room (which will count against the 15 days of absence each student is allowed) for tardy #6(2nd period) or #4 (3rd-7th). Any tardy beyond 12(period 2) or 10(periods 3-7), will result in a parent phone call or Saturday School in addition to OR.

Absences and Homework

You get 1 day for every day you are absent to make up your work.

Discipline

In addition to all of the school rules in your handbook, here are a few more rules that will be enforced in Mr. Bechtholdt's classroom:

1. No food or drink other than water – lunch detention
2. No spiral notebook paper – lunch detention
3. No swearing (including Spanish) – lunch detention
This includes words like “damn, hell, and hell” and other words that are not appropriate for the SPANISH classroom.
4. No lining up at the door before the bell rings. – extra homework
5. No completing homework in class or outside the door before the period starts. If caught doing this, work will be confiscated and student will receive a zero.
6. No working on other subjects during Spanish. – work will be confiscated and turned into the other teacher
7. No sexual remarks of any kind. – Immediate removal from class to the OR
8. No cheating! Academic dishonesty will also be dealt with according to school policy. Student will get no credit for work.

Dress Code

1. Students will get 1 warning concerning dress code violations. After that warning, they will receive OR because they are interrupting the class by being told again. Girls, no immodest tops. Boys, I should not see your underwear.

Electronic Devices

1. All electronic devices will be confiscated if seen in class. If I see the corner of a cell phone sticking out of a pocket, it will be taken away. Also, if I see headphone wires hanging from a shirt, they will be taken away and held until the end of the school day.
2. Any discussion regarding confiscation will result in OR.

Materials needed

Each student will need the following materials every day. If students are observed without these materials, they will lose points.

1. Navegando 1 or 2 (Replacement cost \$70)
2. 3 Ring binder (may be used for other classes) to hold all notes, class work, and homework.
3. Writing utensil (pencil or pen in black or blue ink only)
4. Paper (I will not accept spiral notebook paper or paper taken from a spiral notebook with perforated tearing edges)
5. Workbook - It is the student's responsibility to replace lost or damaged practice workbook by placing an order at http://www.emcp.com/product_catalog (ISBN 978-0-82192-801-1) Spanish 1
(ISBN 978-0-82192-842-4) Spanish 2

Expectations

Respect one another and respect the teacher. Negative comments will not be taken lightly. I am here to teach. You are here to learn.

Extra help

I have given you my e-mail address and a web site (top of page). I expect you to use them to ask questions concerning homework and Spanish. I will also assign students a lunch meeting with me periodically to help students in need. I am here during lunch and 6th period. Don't be shy if you need help.

Classroom Management

Each student will be assigned a class number. Students will write this number on all materials handed in. If a student writes his/her name, they will receive detention.

Passes

You may use the restroom when needed. As you are not in class when you're walking around campus, you will be taking a chance with your points. As if you are called on and not present, you will not get points for participating/speaking in class. There is 1 restroom pass so that only 1 person may leave class at a time.

Grading

		Tests (7)	35
100-90	A	Daily Quizzes	25
89-80	B	Final	20
79-70	C	Homework and Speaking	17.5
69-60	D	Portfolio	2.5
59-0	F		

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I have read the above course description and understand the class policies within.

Student name (Please print) _____

Student signature _____

Guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Please initial the appropriate blank below

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