

# ¡BIENVENIDOS A LA CLASE DE ESPAÑOL!



## Course Goals - What am I going to learn?

Welcome to Spanish class! You are going to learn how to communicate in Spanish about yourself, others, and the culture.

**Communication** You will develop all modes and skills of language - listening, reading, speaking and writing - at the specified proficiency level. It's all about **communication, not perfection!**

**Culture** There's a lot going on out there in the world! Knowing more about the products, practices and perspectives from different Spanish-speaking cultures will help you to understand and connect with others. Also you will make Comparisons and reflect on your own culture.

**Communities** Spanish is being used all around us. In class we will experience the language and culture in action. Also you will make **Connections** to the world, other content and careers.

## Themes and Topics - What will I be learning about?

Here is a little of what we will explore together this year:

- ❖ Countries and places in the Hispanic world
- ❖ Famous Hispanics
- ❖ Environment
- ❖ Community and Traditions
- ❖ Daily life in and out of the home
- ❖ Music and Arts
- ❖ Current events in the Hispanic world



## Activities - What will we be doing?

To improve in a language, you will need to use it as much as possible in a variety of ways. We are also going to develop the other standards too (cultures, communities, connections, comparisons). Here are some of the main ways we will use it in class:

**DAILY CONVERSATIONS** – Challenge yourself to use Spanish as much as possible during class.

**IN-CLASS EXPERIENCES** – There will be lots of “trying” in this class, especially conversations with new people.

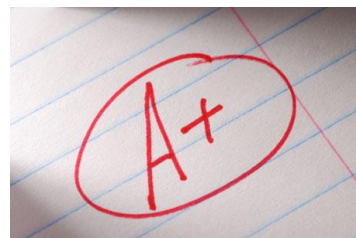
**PROJECTS** – Your new knowledge and expertise will be an important part to share with the class.

**PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS** – This is where you will show off what you can do in Spanish at the end of each unit and the end of the year.

## Assessing - What's my grade?

### Grading Scale:

90-100% A	60-69% D
80-89% B	0-59% F
70-79% C	



- Grades will be based on and weighted on the following categories:
  - Semester Exam 20%
  - Assessments 60%
    - Listening/Reading/Culture, Speaking, Writing
    - Projects
    - Presentations
  - Practice 20%
- Help from native speakers, online translators, and software translation programs are strictly prohibited and are considered CHEATING.
  - **PLEASE NOTE** – the use of online translators is considered CHEATING. Use online **DICTIONARIES** to look up words that you do not know. If you need additional help, please see me.

## Supplies - What do I need?

Each day you are responsible for bringing the following materials:

- Textbook
- Workbook
- Notebook
- Folder



## Class Expectations - What are the class rules?

Here are the basic keys that make class successful and meaningful:

**PREPARAR** – prepare for class, including bringing what you need

**RESPETAR** – respect others and yourself, be mindful of what you say and do

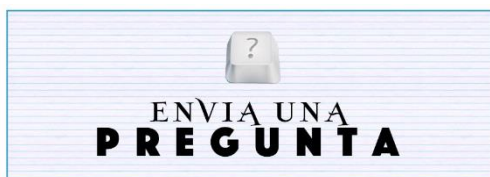
**PARTICIPAR** – participate in class, especially by speaking Spanish

## Contact Info - How can I contact my teacher?

I am here to help you when you need it! Please don't ever hesitate to contact me at school, via email.

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**Language Lab Contract 2019-2020**

I agree to:

- follow all lab rules as directed by my classroom teacher
- use all equipment as directed by my classroom teacher
- use the proper procedures for using the computers and software as directed by my classroom teacher
- use only the indicated programs and software as directed by my classroom teacher
- alert my teacher immediately if there is any problem with the computer or headset
- reimburse the World Language Department for any lab damages for which I am responsible in order that they make any repairs or replacements

I agree NOT to:

- misuse or damage the equipment in any way
- access programs or use software not designated by my classroom teacher
- unplug headphones for any reason
- alter any of the system configurations, icons or appearance of the computer
- possess any gum, candy, food or drink while in the language lab

I understand that not adhering to the aforementioned criteria will result in the following consequences:

- Detention and Temporary loss of lab privileges
- Temporary loss of lab privileges, Referral to Dean, Parental contact and Conference with World Language Department Chair
- Permanent loss of lab privileges, Referral to Dean, Parental contact and Conference with World Language Department Chair

Consequences will be assigned at the teacher's discretion to fit the severity of the infraction. Alternate assignments will be given in the event of loss of lab privileges.

**Student signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_