

Spanish I

Instructor: Sra. H. Nayback

Hours Available: Before and after school

During prep period

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(Please do not visit NOR hand in work during my other classes!! If you drop in during my prep period, you must have permission from your instructor that hour)

Course Requirements

Each student is expected to abide not only by the school regulations and attendance policy but also to be aware that "Participation" composes 25% of each marking period grade (see attached form).

Spanish I expectations will be that all students should be able to communicate using the basics of the language. You will be exposed to some of the culture, traditions, holidays, and geography of Spanish-speaking countries.

Texts for the class include:

*Exprésate: Level 1—Used most days in class

Also will create a binder of other vocabulary and materials

What you should be able to do before the end of the year

- Conjugate verbs (regular and irregular) in the present tense
- Respond to and give commands
- Know the alphabet and all numerals
- Know “survival” Spanish should the basic needs arrive
- Be able to read aloud Spanish text at the basic levels
- Be able to respond to questions from instructor or in small groups in the language

- Know where Spanish-speaking countries are located
- Know some basic traditions, holidays, and events in Spanish speaking countries
- Use vocabulary for things like: food, the body, items in a home, clothing, locations, etc.
- Listen and respond to videos or audiotapes of other Spanish speakers
- Give some group or individual (if preferred) presentations (skits)
- Speak ONLY Spanish for the last 2 weeks of school

Grading

I'm sure that most of you will scan this portion first and with good reason. Participation is 25% of each marking period grade. What about rounding up? Don't count on it unless you stand at .9% and have been participating a lot!

What about the other 75% of your grade? Each marking period will have a different emphasis depending on the coursework we are studying using the school board approved scale:

A	93%-100%	C	73%-76%
A-	90%-92%	C-	70%-72%
B+	87%-89%	D+	67%-69%
B	83%-86%	D	63%-66%
B-	80%-82%	D-	60%-62%
C+	77%-79%	F	59% or less

Late Work

Work which is one day late will be given HALF CREDIT. Work submitted after that will be given ABSOLUTELY NO CREDIT. Unless you have an excused absence, or you have made prior arrangements with me.

CLASS RULES

- Respect other students and instructor
- Use school equipment properly
- Use proper language and tone in class
- Use proper heading on all assignments
- Maintain proper behavior and noise level
- Use class time wisely and for class time

- Do own work, avoid copying or using computer translation

_____ Student Name

_____ Class

_____ Date Due

Participation Evaluation form

	Always	Sometimes	Occasionally	Once or Twice	Never
I strive to do what my teacher requests in class and make up work promptly when absent					
I keep track of my grade in class.					
I volunteer and try to answer questions in class					
I have good classroom conduct and use time wisely					
I always bring needed class materials					
I am cooperative with group members and the instructor					
I am hardworking					
I make extra effort in assignments I will also strive to have a positive attitude and do my best instead of complaining					
I respect the feelings and possessions of others					

Feel free to explain in or all categories on this form (front or rear). Instructor will make final decision.

/45

_____percentage

_____actual points
varies per marking period

PLEASE DISCUSS THIS HANDOUT WITH YOUR GUARDIAN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

It is necessary that the student always have something for note taking, like a spiral notebook. Investing in 3-ring binder is also recommended. On-line translation SHOULD NOT be the method used to do work for this class and is considered cheating unless overseen and authorized by instructor.

"I have read the course outline and agree to do my best and help others in turn." I understand the I will need to participate and cheating points cannot be made up.

_____ Student signature/date

"I have witnessed this course outline and am aware of the course requirements and teacher availability."

_____ Guardian signature/date

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