

Dear Students

I am excited you have chosen to take Spanish. Spanish can be seen all around us: in the stores, on products and in the media. By learning Spanish, you will be able to fulfill your TOPS requirement and increase your vocabulary, grammar and comparative skills that will help increase your ACT and SAT scores. As you go into the job market, knowing Spanish will increase your job perspectives. It also gives you a sense of accomplishment when you can communicate and do things that others cannot because of their limited language abilities. I look forward to watching your language skills grow.

As for myself, this is my 11th year teaching Spanish. I have taught bilingual Spanish and ESL from kindergarten to 5th grade for 4 years and 7th to 12th grade Spanish for 7 years. I have traveled to Spain and Colombia. Some of my greatest experiences in life have come while speaking Spanish. I look forward to sharing those with you through the semester.

Bienvenidos a la clase de español,

Señora Femal

La clase de español con Señora Femal

Supplies Needed	Grading Percentages	Grading Scale
Binder	20% Quarter Exam	92-100 A
Paper	70% Tests, Quizzes , Projects	83 – 91 B
Pen or Pencil	10% Homework	74 – 82 C
Workbook (provided)		65 – 73 D
Textbook (class set provided)		0 – 64 F

Classroom Pace

We will learn a new item every day. Our chapters are broken down into 3 sections for each chapter. We will have a quiz each week on a “paso”, we will review and have a test. Each chapter will take around 4 weeks. We will learn 2 chapters or more a quarter with a week to review and take our quarter exam. **Paying attention in class and participation is a must** to get the most out of our hour together. **Goofing around will not be tolerated.**

Classroom rules	Minor Infractions - teacher detentions	Major Infractions - formal write up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Safe • Be Responsible • Be Respectful • Be Positive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • class disruptions • sleeping • tardy (1st - 3rd) • grooming • eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electronic device possession • fighting • profanity • bullying, name calling • ID badges • skipping • not serving a teacher detention • dress code

How the Rules will look in Spanish class

- Be Safe – You will stay in your seat, with your hands to yourself; you will think first and then speak and act; and you will follow directions the first time.
- Be Responsible – You will come prepared for class with all your supplies; you will complete all the homework and projects on your own; you will study every night; and you will participate fully in class.
- Be Respectful – You will listen to others; you will raise your hand to speak; and you will be accepting of differences in people, cultures, and language.
- Be Positive – You will try new things, you will help and encourage others; and you will give every activity your full attention.

Teacher Detentions

1) Warning and conference → 2) Parent contact → 3) After school detention → 4) Formal write-up

Most detentions occur because of unnecessary talking. You will be given many opportunities to speak in constructive ways, if you cannot control the interruptions after a warning, you have chosen to serve an after school detention the following afternoon from 2:50 – 3:30. Parents will be contacted to notify them of the detention that needs to be served. If the problem persists a formal write up will follow with continued parent contact.

Other Information

- Absences – You may make up **excused absences** within the same number of days you were absent. Check the calendar for what we did while you were gone and ask me for handouts.
- 3 hall/bathroom passes per quarter. You must show you have empty pockets before you leave.
- All forms of cheating will result in a 01%. This includes having translators (by internet or person) to do the work for you. Because you are 1st year students, it is very easy to tell when your sentences are at a level higher than you. I would rather have your **own simple** sentences than a complex story that was translated.