

Español III Pre-AP WHS

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Welcome to Spanish 3 Pre-AP! I am excited to be your guide as you embark on your third year of Spanish.

What can I expect to learn?

In this class, you will further develop your ability to communicate in Spanish and gain knowledge about Hispanic cultures. We will also be building up your “toolbox” of knowledge and skills with new vocabulary and grammar structures. Then we will use these tools to read, write, listen and talk in Spanish. I will be using Spanish as much as possible in the classroom, and will expect you to do the same - with me and with each other! You should engage with energy and curiosity every day.

In Spanish class we talk a lot in Spanish!

Participation and communication are essential in order to improve your language abilities.

This means:

- Doing your best to stay in Spanish during paired and group activities.
- Using Spanish inside and outside the classroom with friends and the teacher.
- Volunteering answers in the classroom often.

My expectations of you:

- Communicate - speak up when you need help & use Spanish!
- Participate and pay attention.
- Be courteous and respectful - we are all learning.

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STUDY

See my website, and google classroom!

Homework:

Students are encouraged to spend time practicing Spanish in some form on their own every day. As such, students can expect an average of 15 minutes of homework per day.

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GRADES

60% exams

15% oral (includes oral presentations and oral participation)

15% quizzes

10% daily class work / homework

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EXTRA HELP?

Tutoring:

I offer tutoring to my students after school in Room 232 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:20 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. Please make arrangements with me in advance.



TARDIES & LEAVING THE CLASSROOM:

- Please do your best to use the restroom between classes. If you need to leave the classroom, be mindful of the activity we are engaged in at that moment. If we are speaking in partners, I ask that you wait, in order to avoid leaving your partner stranded!
- The tardy policy will be followed as outlined in the student handbook. You must be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings. A tardy student will not receive credit for any homework collected, class work completed, or quiz taken while the student is out of class (extenuating circumstances will be dealt with individually).

LATE WORK, MAKE UP WORK, RETESTS**LATE WORK**

All student work is expected to be completed on time. Homework is sometimes graded on completion and is due at the beginning of class. Late work is not accepted (extenuating circumstances will be dealt with individually).

MAKE-UP WORK

Make-up work is the responsibility of the student. The make-up policy for absences is described in the Student Handbook. If you're absent for a school activity, you should notify the teacher the day before the absence (or earlier) to get assignments and schedule any make-up quizzes or exams. Please note that these are to be scheduled at the teacher's discretion.

RETESTS

If you fail an exam (a 69 or below), you may retest only one exam per grading period. Before retesting, you must attend tutoring with the teacher for a minimum of two tutoring sessions. After the two days of tutoring, you may retest on the third day. The max score on a retest is a 70.

MATERIALS YOU NEED:

- * Your iPad (charged) with digital access to the textbook: Español Santillana Level 3.
- * Headphones / earbuds with you in class every day.
- * A notebook, binder or folder. (Divider label recommendations: Tarea, Vocabulario, Apuntes de Gramática, Cultura, Presentaciones)
- * Blank notebook paper.
- * A pencil, blue/black pen & red pen.
- * Highlighters- different colors.
- * Dry erase markers – please keep 2 with you at all times.
- * Kleenex - 1 box per student please.

**TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

Cell phones, iPads, laptops, etc. are often an excellent resource for language learning! However, their use can also easily become a distraction.

The teacher will follow the Student Handbook policy and the district's Responsible Use Guidelines.

Academic Integrity in Spanish Class

In this class, it is considered academically dishonest (an "honor code violation") to turn in work that is not your own. If an online translator is used on any graded assignment, a grade of zero will be assigned and this is considered an Honor Code Violation.

To clarify what this can look like, see the examples below:

It's OK to...

Use an online dictionary, like www.wordreference.com/ or www.spanishdict.com, to find a word that you need or to find a verb infinitive/conjugation.

It's DISHONEST to...

Use an online translator, like Google Translate, to translate an entire phrase or pieces of the language from one language to the next and then copy the information provided by Google Translate.

It's OK to...

Ask someone with help on a word you don't know.

It's DISHONEST to...

Have someone who speaks Spanish (this includes tutors, native speaker friends, parents, etc.) tell you what to write. If you submit work containing grammar that is beyond what we have learned, I will know it is not your work. A good rule of thumb: If you can't tell me what the word means, or how you conjugated it in that form, don't use it!