Bienvenidos a Español 2 Pre-AP

I am very pleased to have you as my new student. In Spanish 2 Pre-AP, you will be immersed in the Spanish language at the beginning proficiency level and learn about Hispanic cultures. Among other things, you will interact with your peers in Spanish using different tenses, and learn about traveling, traditions, daily routines, and traditional food, and the art, culture, and literature of some Spanish-speaking countries. The goal of this course is that by the end of the year you should be able to ask and respond to questions, express personal opinions and preferences, and articulate requests in Spanish, using culturally appropriate expressions with simple supporting statements. Additionally, pre-AP students will engage in interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational activities that will assist them in developing their reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills towards a college level.

Learning plans and instructional activities for the class will be posted each week in the HUB. There, under Digital Resources (LOTE/World Languages), you will also find the online version of the book ¡Avancemos! Spanish 2, with its online accompanying components that will help your learning. In this regard, it is imperative to have your laptop fully charged to engage in the activities from every class. For our class meetings we will use Microsoft Teams as our main platform according to schedule. Additionally, we will also use Pear Deck and Google Forms for daily activities and On Track for quizzes and tests.

Grading Policy

The district grading policy is 30% for minor grades (class work, homework, and quizzes) and 70% for major grades (tests and major projects). For each cycle (6-weeks period) you will receive no less than 6 minor grades and 3 major grades. Your grades will be posted regularly in the district website PowerSchool as the assignments are completed.

Late work: There will be a penalty of minus 10 points for any work turned in the next day. Thereafter the penalty will be of minus 30 points.
**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all the class session and complete the class activities. A student absent to class will have the chance to turn in missing work, one day per day of absence. Thereafter the late-work policy will be applied.

**Re-take a test:** Students will have the opportunity to re-take one of their tests from each cycle, within a week; they will to have contact the teacher for this purpose.

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**Classroom Management Plan**

As a Westside High School student, your major responsibility is to come to the class to learn and prepare yourself for the future. To create and maintain an environment conducive to learning, you are expected to:

**BE RESPECTFUL:** Behave in ways that allow yourself and others to learn, Be polite and respectful to other students and to your teacher. Take care of school property and respect others’ property.

**BE ON TASK:** Be in class BEFORE the tardy bell rings, and ready to participate for the whole period. Bring the necessary materials, notebook, laptop, and writing supplies. Do all the assignments (class work and homework) on time. The use of cell phones in the classroom is strictly prohibited and subject to discipline. The use of laptops and/or electronic devices for playing games or as a means for distraction is also prohibited.

**BE HONEST:** Take responsibility for doing your own work. There is zero tolerance for cheating on class work, tests, and quizzes.

Behavioral issues will be dealt with along the following guidelines; however, each case is considered in its own merits, and variation in consequences is possible:

- First offense: Verbal warning.
- Second offense: Conference with you.
- Third offense: Second conference with you and contact your parent/guardian.
- Thereafter: Direct disciplinary referral to your House Dean and I will notify your parent/guardian through email or by phone.

During the virtual schedule my office hours are from Monday through Friday, 12:05-1:00 PM. If your parents/guardians have any question, they can email me at jose.olascoaga@houstonisd.org, or contact me by phone at the High School (281) 920-8000, Ext. 036304.

Thank you very much,
Mr. José Olascoaga

Parent’s/Guardian’s signature: ____________________________ Date: ______

Student’s name: ____________________________ Period: ______