

**Spanish 1**

**Syllabus 2022-2023**

Mr. Angel Casillas

WHS Room E127

***Bienvenidos a Español 1***

Welcome students! My name is Mr. Casillas. I will be your Spanish 1 instructor this year. I am excited to have you in this classroom and impart with you knowledge about this global language. Our goals for this year will be for you to be able to learn how to communicate with simple sentence structures orally, and in written scenarios. You will be able to introduce yourself and describe yourself and others including physical and personality-wise, where you/they are from, etc. You will be able to communicate Likes and dislikes and learn the basics of Spanish Grammar and vocabulary that we might use in school.

Learning plans and instructional activities for the class will be posted each week canvas or on the Westside Home page. On Canvas, under Digital Resources (LOTE/World Languages), you will also find the online version of the book ***¡Avancemos! Spanish 1*** 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. These applications will be available through clever.com

**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. The maximum grDE. You can receive for a retake is 70%.

**Classroom Management Plan**

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 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.

A warning will be given to you if your cellphone is in sight.

A second warning will result in your cell phone being taken away by me and will be available for pickup after school. Refusal to cooperate will result in a Behavior referral to the Dean and a phone call to your parents.

If cellphone use is a continued issue for you, your phone will be given to the administration office where you will be fined money to pick up your cell phone.

BE HONEST: Take responsibility for doing your own work. There is zero tolerance for cheating on class work, tests, and quizzes. You will be given an immediate ZERO for being caught cheating and will be referred to the Dean. Your Honor is at stake, therefore be rigorous and honorable with your work.

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 between us in order to resolve any issues.

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

There will be ZERO tolerance for gross disrespect and an immediate referral to the dean.

Office hours are still in the air and open for change but will be posted on the WHS website within the first two weeks of School. Tutorials are scheduled to be on Mondays and Wednesdays during the first half of Lunch but will also be available on a day-to-day basis or if scheduled individually between us.

Thank you very much,

Mr. Angel Casillas

Spanish Teacher Westside High school

