Bienvenidos a ESPAÑOL! Welcome to Spanish!

This is a course to both the Spanish language and the cultures where the Spanish language is spoken. You're about to learn a skill and pick up some knowledge that will enrich your life. It will not be easy, you will have to review your vocabulary words and chapter grammar every week if you want to get a good grade in this class. There is the opportunity to have a little fun also. We will listen to Spanish music, watch Spanish videos, eat different and interesting Latino foods and create many fun projects.

Class Expectations
There are four simple rules:
BE PROMPT – Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings. You will not be allowed in class without an id or laptop. Your id must be around your neck at ALL times. If ID is not around your neck, you won’t be able to participate in activities, quizzes, tests. Start your warm up when you sit down.
BE POLITE – Show courtesy and respect to your teachers & deans & other classmates, do not touch their property. Do not throw things in the air in my class. No burping!
BE PREPARED – Bring all materials to class every day. Make sure to be on dress code. ELECTRONICS - ONLY laptops can be used in class. Cellphones and other devices cannot be seen in the open and will be picked up by Mr. Gusart.

Grading Policy
The class grade point scale:
MAJOR 70%
Chapter Tests, Binder and Project
MINOR 30%
Quizzes: Vocabulary and Grammar
Daily Class Work, Homework, Oral Listening and Written Activities
Warm up – Checked during class on a daily basis.

Class participation
It is important. We will speak Spanish Often!

Quizzes – There will be vocab/grammar quizzes as well as written and oral ones. Quizzes will be announced a week prior and have a review for studying per chapter.

Tests – Chapter tests will be announced a week prior and have a review for studying. Each test will or may include multiple-choice, listening comprehension & a writing exercise.

Organization
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT…
Probably one of the most difficult tasks in studying Spanish is being able to find your papers when you need them. You will need to have a 3-ring binder to keep in the classroom. DO NOT TAKE IT TO YOUR LOCKER. It stays in N132 unless Coach Gusart tells you to take it home. You will not be very successful in my class without an organized binder.

Tutorials
Must arrange with teacher in advance. Tutorials will be on Tuesday's mornings or lunch.

Re-takes
1. Re-take must be taken on Tuesdays mornings or lunch.
2. If you were absent, Re-takes must be taken the 1st Tuesday after test day or it will go in as a 0 in the gradebook until taken.

Supplies
You MUST have the following:
1. A 3-ring binder
2. Dividers
3. Headphones
4. Laptop
5. Pen/Pencil/Paper
**Course Objectives**
Since the goal of this class is to help you convey a message in Spanish, your assignments will be graded on how clearly and accurately you conveyed that message using what you’ve learned in class. Practice is crucial for language learning, so you will have homework & projects.

**Tarea:** If not turn in, you will receive a 0 by the end of the day on the due date. If turned in late, 50 will be max you can earn. It is the student's responsibility to pick up any work when absent. Make sure to complete and turn in the following day or it won't have full credit.

**Proyectos:** If not colored, you will receive a 0. Late projects will not be accepted either and you will receive a 0. Projects are a very important and a big part of your grade so make sure to complete them and take them seriously.

**Participación:** I always call on random students to answer my questions SO BE READY! Be prepared to write, read, listen and speak in Spanish. You will be creating acting skits, music videos, fashion shows, games, food projects, brochures and presentations.

**Student-athletes**
Students that are representing Westside and part of any sport program or any other program at Westside should behave at all times in my class. I will inform your coach if you constantly get in trouble. If you don’t act right and don’t work, you will fail and not be eligible to participate in that program anymore.

**Book**
Avancemos Online Book (HUB)

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**Annual Goals**
100% of students will...
1. increase verbal fluency at individualized levels on multiple listening and oral response assessments given throughout the semester.
2. Achieve an 80% or higher on each section of semester exams that includes written, oral and comprehension components.

**Teacher Goals**
1. Maximize usage of the target language.
2. Develop the skills of Listening, speaking, writing and reading in Spanish.
3. Create awareness of the Hispanic culture
4. To implement Rigor and the fundamental 5 into every lesson.

**Extra credit**
If you any need extra credit work, come talk to Mr. Gusart.
1. Completing a review packet.
2. Bringing extra school supplies for the class.
3. Translating the fortunes in fortune cookies that were won during class participation.
4. Attending games for Westside sports.

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**ARE YOU READY FOR A FULL YEAR OF SPANISH??**

Please acknowledge below that you have read and agreed to Mr. Gusart’s Spanish Class Terms and Conditions.

DATE: __________________

PRINT (STUDENT) NAME

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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**MUST BE IN SPANISH...**

1. Profesor puedo ir al baño por favor.
2. Profesor puedo ir a beber agua por favor.

*Must write your name & time on the board before you leave class.*