Bienvenidos a la clase de ESPAÑOL! Welcome to Quevedoland in the Spanish class, where learning the language and its culture is a journey and critical thinking is required!

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 working command of the subject and a good grade in this class at the same time. There is the opportunity to have a little fun as well. 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. You will be checked out at the door every single day to have them with you. Your id must be wore 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 Do Now (warm up) as soon as you get to your desk and 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 any direction in my class. Biological sound must be managed with appropriate manners.

BE PREPARED – Bring all your school supplies and materials to class every day. Not having all you working ancillaries is inexcusable, Be prepared! Make sure to be on dress code. NO PERSONAL ELECTRONICS DEVICES ARE ALLOWED- ONLY laptops can be used in class. Cellphones and other devices cannot be seen in the open and will be confiscated without hesitation if used in class. BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS SCHOOL POLICY. No arguments will be valid against it!

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.

Do Nows (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 plastic binder full with lined paper to keep in the classroom. LABEL IT CLEARLY WITH YOUR NAME. DO NOT TAKE IT TO YOUR LOCKER. It stays in class unless you are instructed 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 Wednesday’s afterschool.

Re-takes 1. Re-take must be done during tutorial on Wednesdays. 2. If you were absent, Retakes must be arranged with teacher as soon as possible after a missing or failing grade for absence. If failing or missing grade is ignored or not taken care of promptly, it will go in as a 0 in the gradebook.


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 the content of your assignment is conveyed using what you’ve learned in class.

Practice is crucial for language learning, so you will have practice every day, using homework, readings, writings & 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 the 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 credit.

Proyects: If not coloured, 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! A KAGAN system of numbers and letter will be used, there’s no way around you will have to participate if you want a positive grade. 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: Every student from Westside will be held to the highest standards of behavior and academic expectations, especially those that are representing Westside in any sport program or any other extracurricular program. Westside foreign language students should behave at all times in 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 and your GPA will suffer the consequences, limiting your future academic opportunities.

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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 Latin culture
4. To implement Rigor and the fundamental 5 into the lessons.

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ARE YOU READY FOR A FULL YEAR OF SPANISH?? Please acknowledge below that you have read and agreed to Mr. Quevedo’s Spanish Class Terms and Conditions.

DATE: __________________________

PRINT (STUDENT) NAME: ________________________________

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: ________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: ____________________________________

MUST BE IN SPANISH BASIC DAILY SURVIVAL EXPRESSIONS...

1. Profesor puedo ir al baño por favor.

2. Profesor puedo ir a beber agua por favor.

*Must get pass, write your name & time on the board before you leave class. ONLY ONE STUDENT AT THE TIME.