

ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Loara High School



CURRICULUM LETTER FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

Welcome to Advanced Placement Spanish class! This class is a continuation of Spanish III but with a greater emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking. This class prepares the students to become culturally sensitive, communicative travelers, and able to function in the target language. In addition, AP Spanish prepares students to take **and** pass the AP exam.

COURSE OUTLINE: The course will be center around developing the 5Cs; Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity and Character and Compassion. More advanced grammar and vocabulary will be introduced and previous skills will be reviewed. Comprehension focuses on spoken and written language. Encouraging students to use the language to inform, persuade and entertain is an integral part of the curriculum. Cultural aspects of the Spanish speaking world will also be part of the course. ***This class will be conducted entirely in Spanish.***

STUDENT EVALUATION: The student's grade will be based on tests, projects, quizzes, essays, classwork, homework, class participation (attendance and active participation in all activities), and oral proficiency. Each category will be **weighted** as follows:

40% Tests / Projects
30% Quizzes/essays

10% **Class participation
20% Classwork/homework

****Class participation:** Students will spend at least 30% of the time practicing written, oral and nonverbal communication. Oral communication will include discussions, debates, oral presentations and group projects. Students are expected to use Spanish in class **all** the time. Their grade will be based on their fluency and their effort to use Spanish in class.

CONFERENCE PERIOD: My conference period is period 1. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. You may leave a message at 999-3677, please make sure you leave a phone number and the best time to reach you. You may also e-mail me anytime:
Zavaleta_f@auhsd.us

Sincerely,

F. Zavaleta
Room 100



CLASS PROCEDURES/EXPECTATIONS

1. Be prepared for class. Arrive on time with paper, pen, pencils, textbook, and a pleasant disposition.
2. You must be in your seat, ready to begin when the bell rings. **DO NOT PLACE BACKPACK/PURSE ON DESK.**
3. Everyone is required to participate in classroom activities. Be understanding and sympathetic when someone is having trouble or answers a question incorrectly. Show character and compassion. Use Spanish all the time. Project your voice.
4. Be truthful with yourself and others. Do your own work and keep your eyes on your own paper during quizzes and tests. Any dishonesty during a test, quiz, project or homework/classwork will result in an automatic **zero** and a referral to the office. See attached contract.
5. Quizzes will be oral and written. These **may or may not be announced**. If you are absent for a quiz, **it is your responsibility** to make it up. You have one day.
6. Please save corrected work for your records until the end of the year. You may use your corrected work to study.
7. Homework assignments will be on the whiteboard. Copy them down as soon as you come into the classroom. In addition, check ekadence.
8. When you are absent, check ekadence. **It is your responsibility to keep up with the class.** Write down two students' names and phone numbers to contact if you are absent or need help
9. I am available after school if you need help (Mon-Thru from 3:17 until 3:45 PM)
10. Keep furniture and materials clean and in good condition. Do not write on books, desks, or walls. It is up to you to report any writing as soon as you find it.
11. No electronic devices are allowed in class. Using electronic devices during class will affect your participation grade.
12. Students are expected to use class time to work **ONLY** on Spanish assignments. Failure to do so will result in a lower participation grade.
13. All written work **must be legible**. Use your best penmanship.

14. All students will be required to adhere to the above requirements. The class will be conducted and graded like all Advanced Placement courses; therefore, in order to justify the extra grade point, the class will be conducted at an advanced level.

ACADEMIC HONESTY CONTRACT

The World Languages Department at Loara High School expects all students to demonstrate honesty and integrity.

Violation of this contract include but are not limited to:

- 1. Using Google Translate to:** translate phrases, sentences, and paragraphs.
- 2. Cheating during a quiz or an exam including:** copying answers from another student, letting another student or students copy answers from you, possession of unauthorized notes or study-aids, talking or communicating with another student, and the use of electronic devices during a quiz or examination.
- 3. Turning in someone else's work as your own.**
- 4. Supplying your work to another student for him/her to use.**

Consequences:

- 1. A zero on the exam/assignment.**
- 2. A referral.**

I _____ understand what behaviors constitute academic dishonesty and understand the consequences of committing an act of academic dishonesty.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



