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¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!

Philosophy of Learning:

I believe that all students can succeed in learning another language if we commit ourselves to this goal. As your teacher, I will provide you with the environment you need to make this happen. As a team, you, your parents, and I will work together to help you become a multi-lingual member of our global community.

How can I learn Spanish?

LISTEN- This class will be conducted mostly in Spanish. It is important to pay attention and listen carefully. Given the value of authentic materials in the acquisition of a world language, this will include a variety of media sources.

RESPOND- Respond to what you have heard, either in writing, speaking or through actions.

TAKE RISKS- Try out what you have learned each day. Successful language students take gambles. Be patient with your classmates when they are trying out new things.

BE PATIENT- Be patient with yourself! Don't feel "awkward" – you will only learn Spanish by trial and error- not by remaining silent.

BE FAIR- I depend on all my students to make our class a stimulating and cooperative environment. No students should feel intimidated by others.

COMPARE- Learning Spanish will give you a better understanding of English as well. It will help you with syntax, vocabulary, listening skills, culture, etc.

What is expected of me in this class?

BE PREPARED- Please have all your materials with you, including:

1. your computer (your cell phone is NOT an approved device)
2. a pen or pencil
3. a notebook AND folder **OR** a binder/section of binder dedicated to Spanish
4. all assignments to be checked daily

BE ON TASK

1. Have all homework assignments out once you enter the classroom and be ready to pass them up as soon as class starts. *If we are exclusively using google classroom, the assignment is due BEFORE class starts.*
2. All group work, both oral and written, is assessed in some way. I will let you know how at the start of the activity. Work to the best of your ability.
3. Most days there will be written classwork at some point during the period. This will assess whether or not you reached the learning goal. It is often graded and counts for points.

BE RESPECTFUL

1. Treat your classmates as you would like to be treated.
2. Exhibit common courtesy by raising your hand to speak, asking for permission to leave your seat and use the lavatory, arriving promptly to class, etc.
3. Remember that we will be studying other cultures; keep an open mind.
4. Review and adhere to Cherry Hill East's Honor Code.

BE RESPONSIBLE

1. Homework is due the next day at the beginning of the period if the homework is physically turned in. It is due before class if it is submitted electronically. If you turn in your homework later on in the period or day, it will be considered late. You may receive partial credit for late homework. The later the work is received, the less credit may be given. If we go over the homework in class, you cannot make it up for credit.
2. Homework is posted on Google Classroom. You will also be told at the start of class if there is homework.
3. Keep up with your work and see me as soon as you feel unsure. I need to know when you do not understand something! Email me with your questions or concerns – daugustyn@chclc.org
4. If you are absent:
 - a. Work is due on the day you return if you were present when the work was assigned.
 - b. If work is assigned during your absence, you will have as many days to make it up as you were absent.
 - c. If you are absent on a test day, you must make it up the next extra-help day. If you do not make up the test within a week, the test grade will be affected. If you make plans with me to take a test/quiz and do not show up, you drop a letter grade. If you were absent for more than one day, you may have as many days to make it up as you were absent.
 - d. You are responsible for all work on days where you are on a field trip, sign in late or leave early. It is just as if you were in class that day. If anything is due on a day that you are on a field trip, you are responsible for getting that work to me or it is late.
5. Cell phones should be muted and **in your backpack** at all times, unless the teacher has allowed use of the phone for various activities in class. Cell phones out for recreational use during class is **NOT PERMITTED**. You MUST have a device other than a cell phone to use in class daily!

Your grade in Spanish class:

Grades are based upon a variety of assessments, such as tests/quizzes, classwork, speaking, projects, etc. I will be utilizing a point value system based upon the task.

Grade breakdown:

45% Major assignments- tests, quizzes, projects, presentations

40% Minor assignments- classwork, homework, class participation

15% Benchmarks- summative unit assessments (Interpretive, Interpersonal, Presentational)

World Language Reassessment Policy:

2025-2026 World Language Reassessment Policy

With extended assessments such as essays, portfolios, or long-term projects, where students receive feedback and the opportunity to show new learning during the process, there is no opportunity for reassessment. There is, also, no opportunity for reassessment on benchmark assessments.

Reassessment occurs under the following conditions:

- A. The student has scored less than 70 on the assessment on a Major assessment.
- B. The student engages in additional learning opportunities/help with the teacher.
- C. The student may reassess within five (5) school days of the student receiving the grade on the original assessment unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- D. The student may reassess no later than five (5) school days into the next grading period if the summative was given on the last week of the grading period.

Students who qualify by meeting the aforementioned criteria may reassess one time per assessment and only receive a maximum of a 70 for the assessment.

The Honor Code:

In addition to not giving or receiving unauthorized information during formal tests and quizzes, you are also expected to do your own work at all times. You may consult others in order to better understand an assignment, but your work must be your own. Duplicate homework assignments, plagiarized material, Internet downloads or translations will receive an automatic zero with no chance for reassessment. If you use a universal translator on an assignment, you will receive a zero.

Genesis responsibility

Both the student and the parent/guardian agree to access genesis about once a week. If there are any questions or concerns, the student or the parent/guardian agree to email the teacher. A productive school year occurs when there is collaboration between home and school.