

Español I
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REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. Chromebook and charger (in class every day)
2. Pen and Pencil
3. Binder with paper
4. Highlighters (pack of 4)
5. Expo Markers (2)
6. A box of tissue
7. \$5.00 supply fee - to be used for paper (color, card stock, copy machine) and craft supplies. **Fee to be collected only through ParentVue/StudentVue (School Pay).**

Course overview: This course is designed to develop students' knowledge and information of the Spanish language. This course focuses on the listening, speaking, reading and writing elements of the target language. Cultural presentations by students and the teacher will assist the students as they learn more about the Spanish speaking countries.

Course objective: Spanish I introduces students to basic skills - listening, reading, writing and speaking - and to the basic structures of Spanish taught within the cultural concept. Emphasis will be placed on written and oral communication skills. Students are made aware of the importance of Spanish in their world. **With at least 70% mastery of course concepts, students will be able to continue their language study in Spanish II the following year.**

Spanish is an academic elective course that is designed to help students gain a better understanding of the Spanish language and the people it encompasses. The class will focus on the present and future value, and benefit of learning another language. The ultimate goal is to help students learn and apply the language principles as used in their daily lives and in the future.

Course design: To help students accomplish the objectives of the course, a variety of methods of instruction will be used. These include cultural presentations, projects, lectures, written exercises, compositions, quizzes/tests and speaking quizzes. Semester finals are worth 20% of the student's overall grade. Class and group interaction is crucial to course success. Students are strongly encouraged to come to class prepared and ready to participate in class in order to bring the material they study to life. **Our goal is to conduct at least 25% of the class in Spanish by the end of fall semester.**

CLASS RULES/EXPECTATIONS

1. Be on time and come prepared; bring your required materials to class every day (charged chromebook, paper, pencil). You must be seated in your assigned seat with your supplies when the final bell rings.
2. Every Monday starting in September will be Spanish Only Monday (SOM). You will be required to speak only Spanish on that day. Participation is a must. It will be a review of everything that we have done in class for the week. It is equivalent to a quiz grade every Monday.
3. Hall passes will be given in accordance with school policy.
4. Treat others with respect, fairness and consideration. Swearing, racial or sexual remarks will not be tolerated.
5. No food or drinks, except water, will be allowed.

6. ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Students are expected to turn off their phones or other electronic devices upon entering the classroom and keep them off and out of the student's sight and reach during class time unless they will be used during instructional

time. I will confiscate any phone that is being used during class time unless required for a designated assignment. I reserve the right to collect all phones in a central location during any assignment in order to preclude their use. Periodically there will be assignments where the use of a phone with internet connection is necessary.

7. Grading scale is the following:

- a. 90 - 100 = A Proficient
- b. 80 - 89 = B Approaching proficiency
- c. 70-79 = C Adequate mastery
- d. 60 - 69 = D Inadequate mastery *
- e. 59 or below = F No credit *

* - Tutoring recommended

Your grade is based on quizzes (oral and written), exams (oral and written), writing assignments, daily participation, homework, worksheets, workbook, and oral presentations.

8. **Because Cibola H.S. is on the A/B block schedule, it is very important that absences be kept to a minimum.** Students are strongly advised to review and practice daily in order to achieve adequate mastery of course content. Make-up work will be the student's responsibility. **Late work** will be accepted during the month in which it was assigned. No late work will be accepted past the last day of the month or end of semester due dates for December and May.

9. Students are to study every day. I do not give much written work to take home, but I expect that you will be studying between 15-20 minutes each day with more time allotted when a test is scheduled. You will have approximately 2 separate homework assignments per month. These assignments are called "Tic Tac Tarea". This specific homework has a firm due date. You will use Google Classroom to turn in **all** work. If not turned in on the date, no late work will be accepted for these particular assignments. They can be turned in before the due date as you will have up to 1 week to complete them.

10. All student policies must be followed (see student handbook). Be sure you are familiar with them - you will be held responsible for them.

- a. 1st Offense - nonverbal or verbal warning
- b. 2nd Offense - report to parents by note, phone call or email.
- c. 3rd Offense - referral

11. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND PLAGIARISM**

Academic Dishonesty is any behavior on the part of a student that results in that student or any other student giving or receiving unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise or receiving credit for work which is not their own. Such acts include, but are not limited to: cheating, plagiarism, falsification/fabrication, unauthorized collaboration, or the use of any resource on an assessment which is not allowed by the instructor. For example, the use of an **on-line translator, A.I.** or a **Spanish speaker** to do your work for you is considered cheating. Any student who does not adhere to the electronic device policy during an assignment, including a writing prompt, will receive a zero on the assessment and will not be able to make the work up. Because all writing prompts are done in class, any student who does not turn in his writing assessment at the end of the period, or who brings material from outside class to complete an assessment, will receive a zero on that assessment. Students may work with one another on assignments but each must contribute an equal share. In other words, each student must understand the concept and be able to perform the skill on his/her own. Copying or relying on another student for answers is considered cheating. The student will receive a zero on any assignment that fits the academic dishonesty and plagiarism description and the work cannot be made-up.

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Acknowledgement of Class Expectations for Señora McRoberts' Spanish I Class

I have read and understood the rules and expectations for this class. I agree to comply with the rules, knowing that they are designed with my and the other students' best interest in mind.

Student's Name (printed): _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read and understood the policies stated for Señora McRoberts' Spanish 1 class.

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your email address: _____

Your Home telephone #: _____ Work Telephone #: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the rest of this school year I will do my best to keep you updated on your student's progress in my class. I will be utilizing Google Classroom as well as Synergy to keep you informed of their detailed grades. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me by leaving me a message at the school, 897-0110 ext. 40084, or by email at toni.mcroberts@aps.edu, or by using Synergy. I check it often.

Please fill out this bottom portion to let me know more about your student. I want to do everything to make the rest of this year a success for your child. Thank you!

Extracurricular Involvements requiring time and energy management (athletics, church, other):

Special Interests:

Strengths:

Computer in the home? Access to the Internet at home?

Any other useful information: