Exploratory Spanish

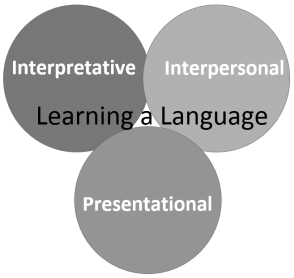
WL 3600
Trimester 1, 2, or 3

Please keep this syllabus in your Spanish folder and give it back at the end of the trimester!

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To access the electronic version of this syllabus, go to tinyurl.com/gilson-exploratory-syllabus or scan this QR code:





Materials needed for Spanish class <u>EVERY CLASS PERIOD</u>:

- ✓ A writing utensil (pencils preferred, pens okay)
- ✓ 7th Grade binder with a section for Spanish
- ✓ Your charged and fully functioning Chromebook (charger if needed)
- ✓ *Optional*: a pair of headphones or earbuds

Class description and learning Goals:

In this 12-week class you will obtain a basic understanding of the Spanish language, focusing on the interpretive and interpersonal aspects of language learning. We will work together as a class to learn and practice our conversational Spanish-speaking abilities. No prior Spanish knowledge is required!

<u>Unit 1</u>: classroom actions & items, school supplies

<u>Unit 2</u>: numbers, days, months, colors

<u>Unit 3</u>: weather, clothing, alphabet

<u>Unit 4</u>: parts of the body, animals

<u>Unit 5</u>: family members, household item

Our detailed essential learnings can be found here in our vocabulary packet on Pages 1 and 2.

Study links and review games can be found here or scan the QR code →



Classroom Rules:

Work Do your best in class to make the most of your time and talent. Learn from your mistakes and move forward. Know that I'm not effectively teaching if you are not working.

Cooperate Learning a language is a communal activity. Don't be afraid to share, because we all have a unique perspective and different experiences. Do your fair share in class and don't let anyone get left behind.

Respect Model the "Bluejay Way." Show respect for your teachers, classmates, their property, and yourself. If you are not supposed to be on your Chromebook keep it closed. Always learn from each other's experiences and show consideration for other's beliefs and desires.

Grading:

Assessments	**50%**	Vocabulary quizzes, Unit Projects, Final Trimester Quiz
Participation	**50%**	Daily work, asking/answering questions, working with partners, in-class assignments

All work should be completed independently, unless otherwise noted by the teacher. Help can be given to those students who need extra review outside of the class period. Just ask for my help and a review session can be scheduled for before/after school or during Connect. Each vocabulary section will be followed by a short quiz. **Quiz retakes** may be possible to help improve your grade. All retakes must be completed *before* the last week of the trimester. **Late/missing assignments** will be taken for credit, but like quiz retakes, they must be completed before the last week of the trimester, unless other accommodations have been made.

Students caught cheating, whether giving/accepting answers or using prohibited websites/apps*, will receive a zero for that quiz, assignment, or project and you will have to re-do that assignment all over again.

***Students are NOT allowed to use electronic translation devices or AI.** Students should be using the vocabulary handouts from class to complete all work. Using online translators or AI sites is a form of cheating.

Attendance/Tardiness:

Learning a language is a highly communal process and relies heavily on class attendance and participation. Too many absences and tardies will result in poor student performance and lower grades.

Tardiness is when a student enters the classroom up to 5 minutes after the bell has rung without a pass from the office. If a student receives 10 unexcused tardies in any of their classes, they will receive 1 detention. More details and further consequences for subsequent tardies can be found in the Student Handbook on the school district's website.

If a student arrives five minutes past the start of the class without a pass, it is considered an unexcused absence. Students with an unexcused absence will not be able to participate in afterschool activities, which include practices and events, and may lose credit for that day's in-class activities.

Absent? Work missed because of absence must be made up within the number of days absent +1 day. Any work not completed within this period shall result in "no credit" for the missed assignment.

Other Classroom Etiquette/Procedures:

Students are to be properly dressed according to the school's dress code policies. Hoods should be off in the school building. Hats are permitted. No eating in class. Students should drink only water from a closed container.

Students should try to use the bathroom during passing periods, before or after class. Students must have an approved e-Hallpass in order to go to the bathroom, water fountain, or any other location around the school.

In class, students should speak Spanish whenever possible and should not be doing homework for other classes.

Technology in the classroom:

No student is allowed to use their cell phone or wearable technology while in class. Please keep those devices out of sight. If I see them being used:

1st offense - Device is brought to the main office – students can pick it up at the end of the day

2nd offense - Device is brought to the main office – parent/guardian must pick it up

For further consequences, see the Student Handbook.

Earbuds/headphones should not be used for personal use in class. They should only be used in class when directed to do so by the teacher. Having a pair of headphones in your locker would be a good idea. I will try to notify the class when we will be using them.

Chromebooks are such an important tool for learning and are used almost on a daily basis in class. Students will have signed a Responsible Usage Agreement regarding the device and will be held accountable for them. Anyone not following those instructions or using a Chromebook at an inappropriate time may have it taken away for the remainder of the class period and your participation grade will be affected. If you have issues with your Chromebook making it difficult to complete your coursework, contact Mrs. Kari Priebe or stop by the Tech Office.

*Please keep this syllabus and see your student handbook for further information and more details on our school's discipline and policies.

**As the classroom instructor I maintain the right to adjust this syllabus throughout the year and will make known any changes to students.

I look forward to a great trimester with all of you in Spanish class!