

Spanish Honors III
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Required Materials per Student:

1. Notebook or binder
2. Folder
3. Textbook Aventura and workbook packet
4. Pencils
5. Dry erase marker (dark color)
6. Planner- you will not be permitted to leave class without it

Rules for learning a foreign language:

- Approximately half of the instruction and accompanying class activities will be in Spanish. When instructed, all students will be expected to communicate using the Spanish language to the best of their ability.
- Class participation is essential, and students are expected to participate. There will be a participation portion of every quarter grade.
- Review all new vocabulary and grammar lessons on a regular basis.
- Do all assigned homework. Much of the assigned homework will be collected and inventoried for score.
- During the challenging portions of the course...don't give up, and don't discourage your classmates! We are all learning together in this class. Staying positive and giving an honest effort are usually all we will need to succeed.
- There will be a Google classroom and "Remind" account through which I will coordinate projects, assignments, tests/quizzes, and general announcements. **Please ensure that your Google Classroom and Remind settings are such that you WILL be notified when announcements are made regarding homework, projects, and in-class events.**
- If class members do give an honest effort, and follow the rules and guidelines outlined below, learning a language can, and will be fun!

Curriculum:

Descubre 2 is our text book, but the majority of our grammar lessons will be structured around the "Practice Makes Perfect; Complete Spanish Grammar" workbooks that I will be issuing to each student. Students are asked to take the workbooks home and leave them there. All of the work in those books will be homework, and it will not be used in class.

Part of studying a foreign language is learning about culture, and practicing your communication skills. So, in addition to the grammar and vocabulary content, we will also be referring to real world Spanish language content to place your language learning in practical modern context. We will also be learning about holidays, geography, literature, art, and music of various Spanish speaking countries.

Evaluation:

- a. **Homework:** In addition to periodic homework, you should plan to review what we learn in class.
- b. **Quizzes/Tests:** Quizzes will be given regularly, to incrementally reinforce the key portions of each lesson, and the grammar and vocabulary points that we encounter in various projects and classwork. Tests will generally be given periodically to summarize various "blocks" of grammar and

vocabulary, and are usually a combination of the quizzes given during that same period. Quizzes and tests will always be announced and posted, and there will always be an in-class review prior to the any written/online assessment.

Homework and Project Policy:

- Completed homework is due on the assigned due date.
- Homework is typically worth 5 or 10 points, depending on the length and complexity of the assignment.
- Late homework will lose 20 per cent, 40 per cent after one week. But...you will be given 60 per cent credit for any/all homework and projects all the way until the end of the quarter.
- It is **your responsibility** to check PowerSchool and me to find out what work you are missing, then bring it to me. I am always available to clarify or assist with any homework.
- Incomplete homework will be returned to you to complete, and will be considered late.

Note about homework: Homework will *typically* be given a completion grade because it is practice and students should not be penalized for making mistakes during practice. All points will be awarded as long as homework is completed on time and an honest and serious attempt is made. However, some select assignments may be graded for accuracy.

Absences:

- If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out the work that you need to do to catch up.
- Talk with me or your classmates to see what you missed, or if you or your parents contact me by email, I can usually reply with appropriate classwork and homework assignments.
- Generally, you have the same number of days you were absent to make up your work.

Class Expectations:

In order to create a safe and conducive environment for learning I will enforce some basic behavioral standards. Specifically:

1. BE RESPECTFUL:

- Behavior which is disruptive and/or disrespectful to me or your classmates will not be tolerated.
- Use appropriate language; speak and act respectfully.

2. BE PREPARED:

- Be seated and ready to learn when the bell rings
- Bring all materials to class.

3. BE RESPONSIBLE:

- YOU are responsible for your actions, attitudes, and choices

4. BE SAFE:

- ✓ Keep your hands to yourself, do not put your hands on fellow students.
- ✓ Be in your assigned seat by the time the bell rings, and do not leave that seat without permission.
- ✓ Clean up your area at the end of class.
- ✓ Remain in your assigned seat until the bell rings, unless you are granted permission; No standing around the room or lining up at the door

Electronic Device Policy: Cellphones / headphones are not to be seen after the bell rings. Cellphone use may be granted during designated homework or classwork time, but only when that time has been designated by me.

Tardies: Students entering class after the bell rings without a pass are considered tardy. Students will receive a detention on their 3rd and each subsequent tardy.

Passes: Students will be granted permission to use the bathroom during class when needed. Reasonable efforts should be made to use the restroom in between class periods, or to check in with the teacher upon arrival and immediately use the restroom.

Consequences:

1. Detention & Parent contact:

- If a student is issued a detention a general notification email will be sent to the parents. In addition, students are expected to explain to their parents the circumstances which led to the detention. If a parent has additional questions, they should feel free to contact me.
- Missing a detention without prior communication to the teacher will result in an office referral.

2. Office Referral:

- After 3 detentions per quarter, an office referral will be given for each subsequent infraction. Office referrals can be given at any time based on severity and teacher discretion.

Please fill out and return by Tuesday September 3rd.