

**Introduction**

The objective of Spanish 1 and 2 is to set up the building blocks for a solid base of language learning. You won't be able to talk to the president of Mexico in Spanish about his philosophy on free trade. However, without the simple things you will learn in this class, you never will. This is a year-long class. Students will be expected to maintain a grade of C or higher 1<sup>st</sup> semester because if they don't, they will probably not succeed 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. If a student fails 1<sup>st</sup> semester however, university requirements can still be satisfied by completing a subsequent semester with a grade of C or better. (Validation)

**Attendance**

You must attend class regularly and be on time. Every class missed and every minute late is a missed opportunity. If you really want to learn...you'll be on time. In addition to missed opportunities there will be disciplinary action for tardiness. Students will begin receiving lunch detention for every tardy after the 2<sup>nd</sup> tardy. Upon receiving the 10<sup>th</sup> tardy, students will be referred to the school administration for discipline.

**Absences**

I have a web site that is updated with homework assignments daily. Students are expected to check the web site when absent and turn in ALL missed work upon their return to class. If a student is absent on Monday and returns on Tuesday, there are NO additional make-up days. Friday and Monday's homework would be due at the beginning of class on Tuesday. Saying, "Our internet didn't work last night" is not a valid excuse. I will however accept notes from parents as long as they are accompanied with a phone number where I can reach that parent on the day the student returns from the absence.

**Discipline**

In addition to all of the school rules in your handbook, here are a few more rules that will be enforced in Mr. Bechtholdt's classroom:

1. No food or drink other than water – detention
2. Spiral notebook paper – detention
3. No swearing (including Spanish) – detention  
This includes words like "damn, hell, and hella" and other words that are not appropriate for the SPANISH classroom.
4. No lining up at the door before the bell rings. – extra homework
5. No completing homework in class or outside the door before the period starts. If caught doing this, work will be confiscated and student will receive a zero.
6. No sexual remarks of any kind. – Immediate removal from class to the OR
7. No cheating! Academic dishonesty will also be dealt with according to school policy. Student will get no credit for work.

**Materials needed**

Each student will need the following materials every day.

1. 3 Ring binder (may be used for other classes) to hold all notes, class work, and homework.
2. Writing utensil (pencil or pen in black or blue ink only)
3. Paper (I will not accept spiral notebook paper or paper taken from a spiral notebook with perforated tearing edges)
4. Spanish 1 (Workbook) Spanish 2 (1 Workbook) \$10.00 Consumable cost paid by student

**Expectations**

Respect one another and respect the teacher. Negative comments will not be taken lightly. I am here to teach. You are here to learn.

**Extra help**

I have given you my e-mail address and a web site (top of page). I expect you to use them to ask questions concerning homework and Spanish. I will also assign students a lunch meeting with me periodically to help students in need.

**Classroom Management**

Each student will be assigned a class number. Students will write this number on all materials handed in. If a student writes his/her name, they will receive detention.

**Passes**

You are closer to being 19 than you are 10. Do not ask me to go to the restroom. Get the classroom pass, sign yourself out. You have 7 minutes to do your business and get back to class. Upon returning to class, give me the pass. I will sign you back in. Anything over 8 minutes will result in detention. Anything over 15 minutes will result in a truancy and two day OR.

Grading		Section Quizzes(9)	30
100-90	A	Tests (4)	30
89-80	B	Final	15
79-70	C	Projects(4)/Service Assignments(2)	10
69-60	D	Homework and Speaking	5
59-0	F	Daily Quizzes	5
		Portfolio	5

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I have read the above course description and understand the class policies within.

Student name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial the appropriate blank below

\_\_\_\_ We have Internet access at home

\_\_\_\_ We do not have Internet access at home