



¡Bienvenidos!



Welcome Back to an exciting year of Spanish!



Program of Study - español 8

We will continue to master the 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This will be accomplished through:

- a) Listening/speaking practice in class. Both students and teacher will be using more Spanish than you did last year. You will be receiving a list of classroom expressions. Try to use as much Spanish as possible. You should also try to practice your Spanish outside of the classroom.
- b) We will be doing a lot more reading and writing practice than last year. In May and June we will be taking an assessment exam (called FLACS) which will test you on the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. It is important that you take this class seriously since you will receive 1 HS credit for this class. Your Spanish final average for the year and your grade on the assessment exam will go on your report card and the HS transcript that the colleges see. Your Spanish average for the year will be added into your high school GPA.



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c) I like to do a lot of interesting things for extra practice:

- 1) **2 skits**- Shopping shows in December , and TV shows in January - February. Some past TV shows were:" Phineas and Ferb", "The Office," "Dora the Explorer," "Rocket Power," "Cake Boss," "American Idol", "Scrubs", "Myth Busters," "That 70's Show," "The Nanny," "Victorious" "Sunday NFL Countdown," "What not to Wear," "Sonny with a Chance", "Say Yes to the Dress," "What I Like About You", "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles", "Survivor", "Friends", "High School Musical", "Seinfeld", "Saturday Night Live", "Sponge Bob", "Saved by the Bell", "ER", "Cooking Shows", "I Love Lucy", "The Simpsons", "The Brady Bunch", "Star Trek", "Sports Center", "i Carly!", "The ESPYS", "Man vs. Wild from the Discovery Channel" "Monday Night Countdown," "Sports Center", " Drake y Josh", Cupcake Wars , a scene from Avatar the movie , "The Voice, The Jimmy Kimmel Show, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show", " America's Got Talent," "Good Day New York", "Cupcake Wars" and "Gilligan's Island".
- 2) **Review Project in September** (to be announced)
- 3) **Projects**- 1 per quarter-
- 4) **Games**- to review vocabulary and practice . Some of my favorite games are: The Smartboard Olympics, Interactive games on the smartboard, The Quiz Show Game, Jeopardy, Hollywood Squares, La Corrida de Toros, Pictionary, Charades, Pictionades, Chutes and Ladders, Family Feud, and Bingo.

*****This is a much harder year than last year so you must study nightly and be organized.** The first few weeks we will review last year's work and we will start some new work while continuing to review.

Classroom preparation:

You should have a 3 ring binder WITH LOOSELEAF.

*****Your binder should be divided into 5 sections: This will help you to stay organized. You should have dividers with 5 tabs :

#1 Vocabulario

#2 Apuntes

#3 Clase

#4 Tarea

#5 FLACS The notes in this section will help you to prepare for both the benchmark exam in January and your assessment exam in May/June

Organization is the key to success

RULES:

- Come to class **on time** with all materials. ***Lateness will not be tolerated and you will not be allowed to go back to your locker for HW or books.***
- ***Take your seat immediately when you enter the classroom and look at the front board for the Aim (el tema) the Do Now, (¡ Háganlo ahora!) and copy down la tarea. Take out your HW from the night before and place it on your table.***
- ***Improper class behavior is unacceptable .No calling out or trying to translate for the class or getting out of seat for any reason.***
- Please raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged before speaking or leaving your seat for **any** reason. ***Do not interrupt the teacher while she is speaking.***
- Respect the rights and property of others. Please be courteous to one another and to the teacher. There will be **zero-tolerance** for behavior that is perceived as unkind. Treat others as you wish to be treated.

- *La tarea is assigned daily.* At the beginning it will be studying. If you forget, please check the HW on the web. In order to be a serious Spanish student you must study nightly. What you get out of the class depends on what you put into the class. Homework is due the day after it is assigned. If you do not complete the assignment, 5 points will be deducted from your HW average for each missing assignment.
- Grades are based on quizzes, tests, projects, HW and class participation. There is 1 quiz or test per week. Try to use as much Spanish as possible in class. Study the list of class expressions.
- **Absences:** - You are responsible for making up all work and getting all assignments. Please check the homework on the web daily and our HW board. Check the While you were out box on the side of the room and pick up all the handouts and notes that you missed . The dates of all quizzes and tests are posted on the web. Absence is not an excuse for not knowing there is a test or quiz. I always give the date in advance.

*****CHECK THE WEB PLEASE !!!!!!!

** Departmental Grading Policy:

*****ALL grades are posted on School Tool.*****

Tests 40%

Quizzes-35%

Homework-15%

Class participation 5 %

Projects/ 5 %

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PLEASE PLACE THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FRONT OF YOUR BINDER AND KEEP IT THERE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

HONORS POLICY

Honors Criteria- For students entering Grade 9

After the third quarter of grade 8, after third quarter grades and midterm exam grades are final, students with an average of 92 or higher and a midterm exam/departmental assessment score of 90 or better in a subject area, will be invited to enroll in the 9th grade honors level course. Where there is no midterm examination grade or department assessment score, the class average will be the sole criterion.

Students with a class average of 90-91.99 will be reviewed for honors placement using an established skills set. The department will conduct the review and submit a recommendation for placement. This review will be held during quarter three.

Dear Parents / Guardians of my 8th grade Spanish students,
Please read the attached information carefully.
Detach and sign this cover page to acknowledge that you and your child have read the rules, program of study, departmental grading policy and requirements of the class.

My E-mail address is at the end of the packet and is posted on my web page. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns. I am looking forward to a wonderful year teaching your children Spanish.

Please have your child also sign below to acknowledge that they have also read the rules, program of study, departmental grading policy and requirements of the class.

Señora J. Porter

EXTRA HELP TUES. 7:40 Room 103

Please check the World Language Department Web Page for Course Outline, World Language News, High School Honors Placement Criteria, High School Honor Society Criteria, Grading Policy, Language Links, and the World Language Program.

*** Parent Signature to acknowledge the rules, program of study, departmental grading policy and requirements of the class:**

*Parent Sign Here: _____

* Student signature _____

* Print student name _____

