

**Spanish 1 & 2 2020-21**  
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**What are you learning?**

- To **COMMUNICATE IN SPANISH** in practical and realistic situations.
- To reflect on your own cultural identity and gain knowledge and understanding of some Spanish-speaking **CULTURES** and customs.
- To develop **STUDY SKILLS** that are essential in learning another language.

**What to expect in Ms. McLeod's Spanish class:**

- **Pre-class Video/Nearpod Lessons** – Students will be expected to watch video screencast/nearpod lessons. During this lesson, they should take notes and practices. This preparation for our Zoom/in-person classes. Students must do the lessons and take notes before the synchronized classes so that we can use class time to practice communicating.
- **Audio assignments** –Audio recordings are important practice. You may use your notes. It shows me you're practicing.
- **Written practice exercises**– Even though we are working remotely you still will keep a well-organized notebook "cuaderno" (similar to your "toolbox" for math and chemistry) for daily **written practice** assignments "Prácticas Escritas" and **notes**. You will submit photos of your notes and practices exercises to show that you are keeping a well-organized notebook.
- **Short Quizzes** - There may be some short quizzes/nearpods with lessons to check for understanding. You may use your notes.
- **Interactive Classes (participation points)**– Classes (Zoom/in-person) will be essential to speaking and understanding Spanish. Participation points will be awarded.
- **Language tests** - There will tests of vocabulary, questions/responses, phrases and grammar. You may not use outside help - no notes, internet or help from people on tests. There will be a time limit to reduce the temptation to look up the answers.
- **Proficiency Assessments** - Every student will take a written and oral proficiency assessment at the end of each quarter. Students will be graded on their ability to communicate clearly in Spanish.
- **Mini-projects and writing assignments**- Mini-projects and writing assignments will be graded using a rubric of criteria. Use the rubric to be successful.

**Expectations/Rules:**

1. **Participate appropriately and positively**- Students must watch the video lessons/nearpods and take notes before the synchronized classes so that we can use class time to practice communicating. Participating in class means trying to **speak Spanish** as much as possible and avoid speaking in English.
2. **Be honest and responsible for your actions. Do NOT use assistance from electronic translators; I'm assessing what you can do in Spanish not Google.** Any use of an electronic translator or unauthorized help will result in a loss of credit.
3. **Zoom classes:**
  - Be on time with video sharing on and ready to participate.
  - Have your notebooks ready so you can write, use your notes and participate.
  - We must be able to see your face *centered* on the screen to interact!
  - Remove distractions. Put your phone away, close other windows on your device.
  - If you cannot attend class, please contact me personally by email or Canvas messaging.

**Proficiency Objective:** By the end of the year you should reach a Novice High proficiency rating which means that you will be able to communicate basic information using formulaic expressions with added details and some complex sentences.

**Grade Calculation:** Points for all assignments and assessments are valued equally and then totaled. Your final grade is calculated as the percentage of the points you've earned out of the total number of points allotted for the quarter. Standard grade scale is used to convert percentages to letter grades.

**Late Work Policy:**

**It is important that you complete video lessons/nearpods, take notes, and do audio recordings before the corresponding live Zoom class.** If you are not logging in and doing the online lessons regularly between Zoom classes we will work together to resolve this problem.

**Tests/Writing assessments/projects:**

Assessments/Assignments are intended to assess what you know and can do. **DO NOT use an electronic translator or any outside help for tests or written assessments/projects.**

**You are still expected to take hand-written notes in a notebook (cuaderno)!** Writing your own notes and doing written practices is a way of learning the information!

Submissions: Submit all photos, quizzes, audio/video recordings on Canvas/Nearpod. Please do NOT email me assignments.

**\*\*\*\*\*Materials needed by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\*\*:**

**Notebook with two sections: one for notes and the other for daily written exercises.** This notebook is for Spanish class only and should not be used for any other subject.

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Feel free to direct message me in Canvas or email me any time. I will do my best to reply in a timely manner.