

**Textos: ¡Qué chévere! EMC Publishing, LLC, 2016**

**Course Goals:** This course introduces the student to the basic skills of speaking, reading, listening, writing and understanding the Spanish language at an **on-level pace**. Students will learn vocabulary, present tense verbs, culture and other grammatical concepts. Students completing this course are eligible to take any level I language at the high school. Students should be prepared to actively participate. A mid-term exam will be given at the end of the second marking period and a cumulative final exam will occur at the end of the year. When you have successfully completed this course, you will be able to:

- understand a simple conversation in Spanish
- sustain a simple spoken conversation in Spanish
- create simple original dialogues in Spanish
- write sentences and simple compositions using correct grammatical construction
- read the target language with basic comprehension and answer content-based questions
- understand and appreciate the culture and people of the Spanish-speaking countries

**Course Requirements:** All students are to keep a notebook. Please use a method that will help you to be organized. **You always need to bring your notebook, a writing utensil, homework, and workbook to class.**

- You will receive a workbook at the beginning of the year. **If the workbook is misplaced/lost, there is a \$19.95 fee for a new one.**
- There will be quizzes and a chapter exam for each chapter. All assessments are announced. These exams will count heavily towards your marking period grade.
- There will be a mid-term and a final exam.

**Class Information:**

- All class information: daily summary, homework, quizzes, tests and general announcements will be posted on Canvas. When available, all in class worksheets, notes, handouts, etc. will also be posted on Canvas. Students are expected to check Canvas when absent for work.

**Grading – Unit tests (65%), Quizzes (15%), Homework (10%), Class Communication (10%)**

- Grades are calculated using category weighting for all grading terms.
- Grades are updated on Power School as soon as possible. If you do not have access to a computer or if you would just like to check on your grades, please ask.
- A student who has not demonstrated level I proficiency on summative assessments (Unit Tests) has the opportunity to retest. Retests may not be taken during class time. Please reference the retesting guidelines which accompany this syllabus.

**Homework**

- Homework assignments will be reviewed every day in class. Assignments will be graded for completion a random basis. Late homework will be accepted for partial credit.

## **Communication**

- The ultimate goal of a studying another language is to be able to communicate successfully in the target language. Students are expected to communicate daily in Spanish by participating in various classroom and online activities that will demonstrate their proficiency. The communication grade will be assessed daily. This grade will be updated on Power School periodically.

## **Make-up Work/Absences**

- Any work missed during an absence (homework, tests, quizzes, etc.) will be entered into Power Schools as a temporary zero until the work has been submitted. Once the assignment is completed, Power Schools will be updated to reflect your current grade. If the work is not completed by the end of the marking period, the grade of zero for that assignment will stand.

## **Academic Dishonesty**

- Anyone found cheating on any assignment will receive an after school detention and a referral to administration.

## **Class Expectations**

### **1. Come to class prepared.**

- Textbook, a writing utensil, notebook, workbook and homework

### **2. Be on time for class.**

- If you are tardy, you must have a signed pass

### **3. Be attentive, courteous, cooperative and respectful of others.**

### **4. Come to class prepared to work.**

- Electronic devices should be turned off and out of sight unless your teacher instructs you to use it for academic purposes during class.
- All belongings must be kept in the hallway. Only materials needed for class may be brought into the classroom.

### **5. Follow all school guidelines and regulations as found in your student handbook.**

## **WHEN CLASS EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED, THESE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:**

1st offense	Verbal warning
2nd offense	Conference with teacher
3rd offense	Contact parent/guardian and lunch detention
4th offense	Refer to guidance
5th offense	Discipline referral to administrator

- At any time, the teacher reserves the right to skip a step due to the severity of the infraction or determine an alternative consequence.
- If necessary, removal from classroom and/or seat change may occur at any time.