



Class Expectations and Grading Policy – Spanish

¡Hola! Bienvenidos a la clase de español. *Hello. Welcome to Spanish class!*

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About me: I love teaching Spanish – the language and culture that has vastly improved my everyday life. There are 21 countries that speak Spanish – each with their own vocabulary, traditions and food. It has been an amazing journey for me to learn about the countries of the Spanish-speaking world. Additionally, I have learned more about English as I spent many years comparing the two languages. Being bilingual has opened up a whole new world to me. I hope the Spanish language does the same for you! If not, that's okay too.

Materials: One-subject spiral dedicated solely to Spanish class, liquid glue/tape, 3 highlighters, pen/pencil (pen must be blue/black), **dry erase marker!** Not having materials is unacceptable.

Grades: Major Grades (Projects/Speaking Chart*) - 50% of total grade, 2 per six weeks
Minor Grades (Classwork/Quizzes) – 50% of total grade

*The goal of learning Spanish (or any language) is to talk with someone. As such, each six weeks students will receive a major grade on their willingness to speak in Spanish. Students receive 10 points per sentence they say aloud. Any student can earn a 100 as long as he/she says 10 sentences aloud over the designated period. The sentence does not have to be grammatically perfect, nor does the student have to “roll their rr’s” to get credit. The more they try to speak, the easier it will get. And, it's fun! Every student is eligible to earn a 100, provided if they submit a chart with correct spelling and punctuation. NOTE: Charts with poor penmanship, excessive spelling and punctuation may not be accepted. Students may receive a zero until the chart is corrected. There is absolutely no sharing or looking at other students' charts for any reason whatsoever.

Students are also graded on reading, writing and listening. There are generally 2 quizzes per six weeks. Some quizzes are open note. Students should keep a tidy notebook.

Most work is done in class on paper, orally or on the computer. Websites we may use are listed on the following page.

Academic Dishonesty (Using Google Translate, Spanish-speaking friends/relatives, etc.)

All assignments must be completed by the individual student. Using google translate, other online translators and native speakers is not permitted. Your Spanish is good enough. YOUR Spanish will get you a good grade. If it's not YOUR Spanish, it is a zero.

Using Google translate/Spanish-speaking friends/relatives is a serious offense of academic dishonesty in language class and YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO!

Late Work: Assignments given during the week are due by Friday. Grades are generally posted over the weekend. (I am a coach and cannot grade most evenings.) If the assignment is not turned in by Friday, you will receive a zero. However, students may turn it in before the following Friday for late credit. Twenty points will be deducted for late work. Turn in late work to the "CEROS" box, not the regular tray.

Extra Credit: There will be no extra credit given in this course. The only way to improve your grade is to work harder next time. :)

El Día de Los Muertos: Spanish II students have a unit on the Mexican celebration the Day of the Dead. This is taught as a cultural unit and students are asked to make traditional art and food associated with the day. Students who would like to bring photos of loved ones may do so, but participation is optional. Please send a note/email to the teacher if your child is unable to participate.

It's going to be a great year in Spanish class! If you have any questions, email is the best way to reach me: johnsonc@shinerisd.net Please sign that you have read this letter and agreed to the terms therein.

Student Promise: I promise that I will try my best in Spanish class. I promise that I will be patient with my classmates when they try to speak Spanish. I promise to be honest and not tell little lies. I promise to fess up if I mess up. I promise to not mess with Sra. Johnson's belongings. I understand I will receive a zero for using Google translate.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Adult Name: _____ Adult Signature: _____

Adult Phone Number: _____ Adult Email: _____

What should I know about this student? _____

Websites we may use this year:

www.conjuguemos.com
www.boomlearning.com
www.quizlet.com
www.duolingo.com
www.kahoot.com
www.storyjumper.com
www.screencastify.com

www.screencastomatic.com
www.edpuzzle.com
www.powtoon.com
www.spanishdict.com
www.wordreference.com
www.blooket.com
www.garbanzo.com

www.miracanyon.com
www.youtube.com
www.roxxem.com
www.vocaroo.com
www.googlemaps/earth
www.canva.com