

Bienvenidos a la Clase de Español II

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Course Objectives

- Continue learning to converse in and understand spoken Spanish.
- Improve pronunciation of Spanish in conversation.
- Acquire more vocabulary.
- Learn to write paragraphs and compositions in Spanish using a variety of vocabulary, sentence structures and tenses.
- Continue learning to read and understand different print media in Spanish.
- Continue to learn cultural aspects of Spanish speaking peoples.
- **IMPORTANT:** Grammar and conversation will be emphasized.

Expectations & Procedures

- Come to class punctually and be ready to work on the opening activity when the bell rings.
- Speak to the teacher and to other students in Spanish.
- Review the grammar and vocabulary that was studied in class before coming to the next class.
- Complete and bring in all assigned homework.
- Turn in all work on time. **LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Participate in all class activities.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to call a responsible classmate or check Sra. Cercet's Website/Edline and be ready for class when you return. *All work must be completed within 3 days of absence.* Homework will be assigned every night and will only be accepted on the due day.
- If you missed an exam, you will have to take it **within one week** after school with me or in the Testing Center. You will need to plan this with your teacher upon your return.
- Remember **NOT** all work can be made up. There are many activities that involve the class, partners and teacher interaction, so it is very important that your attendance be regular. You need to reach 20 points in class to get an A in participation (points will be kept in participation card use daily by the teacher and will be added at the end of each semester. Any points past the 20 will become extra credit in your homework category).
- All work must be done by you. All students are expected to follow the SDUHSD academic honesty policy.
- Translation programs are not allowed. You may use a regular dictionary only.
- Neatness always counts.

Materials

- Three ring binder with 5 dividers (vocabulario/gramática/diarios/cultura/tarea, pruebas y exámenes)
- Covered textbook Realidades 2
- Workbooks Realidades 2: workbook is available for checkout from the textbook room and must be returned in acceptable condition at the end of the course. If a student would like to purchase a workbook to write in, workbooks are available at the student store or online at www.phschool.com. Scholarships are available for workbooks (see teacher or administrator).
- Blue or black pens **only**, pencils and erasers, red pen for grading purpose.
- Recommended supplies: The book 501 Spanish Verb & a Spanish/English dictionary. (Bantman New College makes a good one).

Class Rules

- Respect yourself, others and the classroom.
- Be punctual, prepared and positive.
- Participate in all class activities and stay on task.
- Please refrain from the following distracting activities: Eating, drinking, personal grooming (applying make-up or fixing hair), sleeping, having electronic devices (mobile phones, pagers, HEADPHONES, calculators, iPods, etc.), passing notes or sending text messages. Electronic devices will be collected by the teacher.

Consequences for Not Following the Rules

1. Verbal warning
2. Parental notification
3. Detention of 30 minutes during lunch
4. Saturday school

Three documented infractions in a quarter will result in a student's citizenship grade being lowered by one letter grade. Please note that tardiness is treated the same as any other infraction of classroom policy.

Students are expected to be in assigned seats working when the bell rings.

Appointment with the Teacher

- If you need help you can make an appointment for extra help with me.
- If your mother or father wishes to speak to me, he or she can send a note with you, the student, phone me or contact me through e-mail to make an appointment to speak with me personally. I welcome the opportunity to meet and speak with parents and students to support the student's success.

Academic Activities

- Regular studying is important as a quiz ("prueba") will be given almost daily.
- Tests ("Exámenes") will be given once per "Capítulo", about 5 per semester plus a cumulative semester final.
- One large project may be given per semester.
- Homework is assigned nightly and may consist of text, workbook and/or online activities, readings, watching television in Spanish, writing a composition, small projects or a variety of other independent or small group work such as skits or presentations.

Grade Distribution

Grade Distribution: Students earn their semester grades by receiving a point value for all graded work for each of the categories below. The overall score in each category will then be weighted according to the percentage shown for that category. The overall semester grade reflects the weighting. Note that certain assignments are 'worth' more because those categories bear more weight on the grade.

Homework and Classwork	15%
Presentations, Skits and Oral Participation	15%
Written Assignments/Projects	20%
Quizzes	20%
Exams	20%
Semester or Final Exam	10%

B+	88% - 89%	A	92% - 100%	A-	90% - 91%
C+	78% - 79%	B	82% - 87%	B-	80% - 81%
D+	68% - 69%	C	72% - 77%	C-	70% - 71%
		D	62% - 67%	D-	60% - 61%
				F	0% - 59%

¡BUENA SUERTE!

-----Please detach and return-----

I have read and understand the requirements of Spanish class. My son/daughter and I have gone over the important points of this "contract". I intend to support my student so that he/she can be as successful as possible in this class. I further understand how to contact Mrs. Cercet-Martinez if any concerns should arise.

Parent signature

Student signature

Date

Parent name

Student name