

# Spanish

## North Asheboro Middle School

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### **\*\*EXPECTATIONS\*\***

- 1. Be prepared and be positive:**
  - Have your notebook, pen, pencil, paper & book in class EVERYDAY. When the bell rings, be in your seat, working on your warm-up
  - Please be sure to TURN OFF and PUT ON DESK any cell phones, iPods, etc. BEFORE class. Any electronic devices discovered on/hidden/ or as a distraction will be confiscated.
  - Please refrain from doing other class work while in Spanish Class.
- 2. Participate:** A large part of learning a foreign language is conversing in the language. You are required to participate in class by answering class questions, asking questions, singing and participating in group activities. Play along, be flexible and have fun with the activities! Your progress and success are directly linked to your level of participation. You will regularly work with classmates to practice oral communication. I reserve the right to choose partners/group members. You are expected to stay on task. Groups may be asked to perform oral presentation in front of class.
- 3. Attendance:** Attendance is crucial to the success of the students. Since the students have very little opportunity to hear or use the language outside of the classroom, parents should make every effort to ensure that their children are present. Tardiness interferes with the flow of class. Two unexcused tardies will result in 5 min. detention, after 3 unexcused tardies I will contact the parents.
- 4. Make up work:** You will be held accountable for completing missed assignments according to the guidelines outlined in the student handbook. It is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed and to make it up. If you were present when an assignment was given and absent on the due date, you will be expected to turn in the assignment on the day of your return. You cannot make up ANY work for unexcused absences. This includes homework, class work, tests, projects or quizzes.
- 5. Homework:** Assignments are usually given 2 or 3 times a week. Homework is practice, not a test. Even if you aren't sure that you are doing it

right...do it! You earn credit for having it completely done to the best of your ability and on time.

### **\*\*NOTEBOOK\*\***

A notebook is required. You will use for:

- Vocabulary/Notes/Grammar
- Warm-Ups / Practice

Additional Supplies:

- Pencils or Pens
- 1 subject notebook
- 1 set of headphones

### **Here are some ways you can help your child succeed in Spanish:**

- Have your child come to class every day!!!
- Encourage him/her to ask questions in class.
- Offer to quiz your student on his/her vocabulary list.
- Contact me anytime you have a question or if you just want to check on your student's performance. jdroman@asheboro.k12.nc.us
- See that your student completes his/her homework.

### **Grades:**

Test and Quizzes 30%

Classwork 30%

Participation 10%

Homework 10%

Projects 20%

## Grading Scale:

93-100 **A**  
85-92 **B**  
77-84 **C**  
70-76 **D**  
Below 70 **F**

## Methodology:

My class will use text "Realidades 1" and others resources. Our focus will be pronunciation, reading, writing and speaking.

Vocabulary and memorization of relevant dialogues will enhance lessons, Video, Internet, and books as well as posters, projects and individual research will help expand their learning horizon.

Active participation is vital to this type of class. We develop fluency through hearing, reading and using understandable Spanish every day. Therefore, the majority of class time is spent in Spanish.

You will find that Spanish class is different from your other classes. Because your goal is to communicate you must interact daily with other students and the teacher, develop listening skills and practice pronunciation.

Language is not acquired overnight. It is a gradual process. It takes time and practice. Mistakes are expected and welcomed! Be brave and push yourself to speak as much Spanish as you can as often as you can!

## Procedures:

Beginning of class: Be in your assigned seat and working on the warm-up WHEN the bell rings. Have your homework out, written down, and ready to be checked.

If you are absent: Check the classroom website. On the day you return, please check the agenda board is the same. If we had a test/quiz/project you must make

arrangements with the teacher. You have two days to complete missing homework. Turn in missing homework with **ABSENT** on the heading. You are also responsible for asking politely for a classmate's notes.

At the end of Class: Check HW board, write down assignments. Please stay in your seats and do not pack up your belongings until I dismiss you. When dismissed, please check under your desk and around you for trash and put desk back in its correct spot.

Moving around the Classroom: Limit all movement around the room unless instructed by the teacher, however, you do not need permission to sharpen your pencil, throw something away or to get tissues. Please use common sense to determine an **APPROPRIATE** time to do such things. (For example, not while I am in the middle of teaching or when students are giving presentations!)

### Study hints:

- Pay attention in class, do your homework every night
- Study, every day, for at least 15 minutes outside of class.
- Practice what you're learning with a friend from class-exchange phone numbers and practice.
- Make flashcards (and study with them!) to help you learn vocabulary.