

# ¡BIENVENIDOS!

LA CLASE DE ESPAÑOL 3  
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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will focus on meaningful communication through listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural appreciation. One of the primary goals will be for the students to receive sufficient input in the target language so they can move beyond surface level knowledge and begin internalizing the language. We will continue to build upon prior knowledge to expand vocabulary and oral proficiency. Spanish will be the primary language for communication within the classroom. Daily class participation is essential.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, the successful student will:

- Understand and apply new vocabulary terms in written and oral form
- Speak and write in more complex sentences using the grammar being studied
- Converse in a more natural way using a variety of vocabulary and structures
- Understand the cultural products, practices and perspectives of the Hispanic world and how they compare to American culture
- Be prepared to move on to more advanced levels of study

**THE RULE:** Respect yourself and other people. No insults based on ethnicity, skin color, native language, gender, sexual preference, religion, body shape or body size will be tolerated. We all have the right to be treated with respect. I treat you like young adults who are responsible and who can make good decisions and I expect the same from you.

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## **SPANISH CLASS FAQs**

### **What do I need to bring to class?**

Bring a folder or binder section exclusively for Spanish class (used for keeping notes and handouts) and writing utensils, paper, etc.

**What is the tardy policy?** Class starts promptly at the bell, so if you're late, it's your responsibility to make up what you missed. I follow tardy procedures as outlined in your student handbook.

**What is the hall pass policy?** If you need to leave class for a legitimate reason, I will write you a pass. I trust that you will use this privilege judiciously. If you are abusing this privilege (taking too much time, leaving class every day, going where you're not supposed to be, etc.), you and I will have a private conversation to work out a solution, which may include loss of this privilege. It's your responsibility to take care of your personal business before you come to class (locker, bathroom, socializing, etc).

**How much homework will I have?** You will rarely have homework outside of class, but when you do, it's your responsibility to do it. Homework isn't busy work--I design it with a purpose. Invest in yourself and take the time to do it. It'll be worth it!

**Where can I find my homework and daily activities?** You can find everything in Student Portal and Google Classroom. Go there first if you need to check due dates for assignments and projects.

**What do I do if I'm absent?** If you miss class, it's your responsibility to get your work in person when you return and/or check the homework calendar online. You have one day for each day missed to turn your work in, unless you have extenuating circumstances. If you know in advance that you'll be absent, **especially for field trips**, let me know and I can give you your makeup work before you are gone.

**What will happen to my grade if I turn in something late?** If you turn work (homework, projects, etc.) in late, I'll accept it for 50% credit, minus points taken off for mistakes. **You may not turn in late work any later than a week after the due date for credit, and no work will be accepted after the end of the progress period.** Try to avoid these penalties at all costs.

**What happens if I'm absent for a quiz?** If you miss a quiz, you have **two days** to make it up, and after that it will be a zero. Talk to me to schedule a time to take it. Students will know a week in advance when they will have a quiz and can plan their schedule accordingly. There are **NO** retakes, so be prepared to do well when you take your quiz.

**What happens if I'm absent the day a project is due?** All projects need to be turned in on time. Students will know a week in advance when projects are due and can plan their schedule accordingly. If a project is turned in late, it will be assessed per the late work policy outlined above.

**How will my grade be calculated?** Your grade will comprise of:  
 Assessments 50%      Homework/Classwork 25%      Engagement 25%      Final Exam 20%

You will receive a weekly engagement grade using this rubric:

<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b><u>Almost 100%</u></b>	<b><u>Most of the time</u></b>	<b><u>Sometimes</u></b>	<b><u>Rarely/Never</u></b>

- Student listens with the intent to understand and tracks the flow of conversation (eyes on the speaker, “leaning in” to the conversation, sits in an engaged way etc.)
- Student supports the flow of conversation, answers all questions in Spanish (unless otherwise requested), and asks thoughtful questions related to the material.
- Student is virtually always present but, if absent, compensates for missed classes (completes assigned input-based task).
- Student is always on task and follows all directions and procedures. Student does not need redirection. Student is not distracted with other work, other students, socializing, phone, etc.
- Student is respectful of others, a positive influence, supports and encourages fellow students, does not disrupt.

**What is the policy regarding plagiarism, cheating, or using an online translator?** If students turn in work (homework, projects, etc.) that is not theirs, i.e. work produced by a tutor, a friend, an online translator, or text taken directly from an internet site, the work is not acceptable and will be considered cheating as stated in the student handbook, and the policy as stated in the handbook will be followed. Students suspected of using one of these sources will have a conversation with me to discuss the assignment, and a consequence will be administered, as appropriate. Students are encouraged to use online dictionaries, such as Word Reference, but online translators are prohibited.

**What is the electronic device policy?** Technology can be a wonderful resource for students, but it can be a distraction, as well, so I expect that you have your devices put away. Per the WGHS handbook, absolutely no electronic devices are permitted on exams. Students who choose to use their device inappropriately may have their device confiscated. Parents will be informed if it becomes a recurring problem.

**EN ESPAÑOL, POR FAVOR:** The majority of class time will be spent USING the language and not simply talking ABOUT it. You will not be expected to understand EVERYTHING, so NO TE PREOCUPES (Don't worry). However, I will expect a consistent effort to use Spanish whenever possible. A major goal of the course will be to overcome the fear of experimenting with a foreign language. Mistakes are natural and expected! It's how you learn!

**EXPECTATIVAS:** El Respeto, la Responsabilidad, la participación, la Seguridad, la Educación

**What I expect of you:**

- We will be moving at a faster pace than your previous classes and I expect that you spend time studying outside of school.
- I expect you to seek help if you feel you need it. Since this class is taught at an advanced level, you need to get help when you start to struggle so you don't get overwhelmed. I am available before and after school, as needed.
- I expect that you check the Student Portal frequently to keep current on your grade. It is your responsibility to keep up on missing work, so if you don't see a grade for an assignment, talk to me if you have questions or concerns.
- I expect you to utilize Google Classroom and Student Portal. That means being aware of due dates, checking for makeup work when absent, etc.
- I expect you to participate in daily activities and SPEAK SPANISH.
- I expect that you try your best, even if that means making mistakes. Everybody makes mistakes when learning a language, and the more you practice, the fewer mistakes you'll make.

**What you can expect of me:**

- I will treat you with respect at all times.
- I will treat you as young adults that are capable of making responsible choices.
- I will grade assignments in a timely manner.
- I will keep Student Portal and Google Classroom updated.
- I will help you at any time, should you need it.
- I will provide a variety of challenging and fun activities.
- I will do my best to respond to your individual needs as a learner.