

Spanish 1

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Course philosophy:

Spanish I introduces the student to the basic pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary of the Spanish language and provides extensive opportunity for oral and written expression with the intent of developing conversational and compositional skills.

Course objectives:

At the end of Spanish I a student should be able to:

- Understand basic Spanish spoken clearly and at a moderate speed.
- Communicate orally basic needs and desires in normal situations of daily life
- Understand written Spanish, according to the syntax, inflection and vocabulary studied.
- Write dialogs expressing personal information such as family life, preferences, activities with friends, hobbies, etc. Be familiar with approximately 1,000 words added to their vocabulary.
- Learn at least 15 Bible verses in Spanish.

Required materials for class:

Students must be prepared for each class meeting. Each student must have the following materials: pencils, pens, highlighters, 3 by 5 spiral cards, iPad, textbook, workbook, a 3 ring binder with dividers with the following tabs: notes, handouts, quizzes/tests, and returned assignments. This binder will help you review for quizzes and tests, if the material is properly organized. It must be a 3 ring binder and not a folder. It is important to keep all of your papers in this binder, so make sure to bring it daily to class. A school planner handbook is needed to write assignments, posted daily on the board.

It is each student's responsibility to be prepared each day with homework completed before class begins. RENWEB can be assessed to get assignments. Check RENWEB frequently for modifications and revisions.

When absent it is the student's responsibility to find out what was missed before returning to class. If a student must be out of the classroom due to a school related activity (i.e. sports, drama, student government, field trip), he/she must get the work ahead of time and turn it in before leaving for the activity. Students must plan to turn in assignments ahead of time if they know they'll be absent. There will be no excuses for not knowing what the homework is or what was done in class. If work is not turned in by the due date, it will be marked down or counted as zero.

Grading

Grading will be based on weekly quizzes, end of chapter exams, homework, oral assessments and in class assignments. Quizzes and/or exams must be taken ahead of time before a sports event or school related activities. Failure to do so will result in a zero. If a student fails to turn in an assignment, it will appear as a 0.1 on RENWEB, and there will be a notation that the student did not turn in an assignment. If a student has not completed an assignment but has time to make it up because of an excused absence, the assignment will appear as a 0.2 on RENWEB until completion.

Oral participation

Oral participation is an important part of developing communications skills. Every student is expected to honor fellow classmates' efforts in speaking Spanish. Students will be assessed weekly for their oral participation.

Conduct

In order to create a positive learning environment, all policies in the BCHS Handbook will be enforced. No gum, food or drink (except water) will be permitted in class. All students should be prepared to work and be in their seats when the bell rings. Anyone not in his/her seat will be marked tardy.

Cheating policy

Cheating on any quizzes, exams, assignments or projects will result in a zero grade. Students will be notified as an assignment is meant for group work. Plagiarism is considered cheating. Having the computer translate assignments (all or part) for you is cheating. Please do your own work and do not copy from other students. In keeping with Berean policy (p.18 of student handbook), those involved with cheating will lose credit for their work.

Assignments

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class period. No late assignments will be accepted. Complete sentences are expected on all homework assignments, and correct grammar, spelling, accents, and punctuation will be required. All answers should be written in full sentences unless stated otherwise. I will try to keep your homework to 20-30 minutes a night (more time before a chapter test) and minimal work on weekends, but I expect you to faithfully do the work I assign, as it is easy to fall behind in this class if you don't. Plan your time well to study thoroughly for quizzes and tests. Cramming won't work for this class.

Course materials

Realidades textbook

Realidades Vocabulary and Grammar Workbook

Please read the syllabus carefully, sign this paper, and return just the last page to Maestra Breon no later than Tuesday, August 16th. Please keep the syllabus contents for your reference.

_____ I have read the syllabus, and I understand all of the course expectations.

_____ I have read through the course syllabus and would like clarification of the following policy: _____.

Student signature

Parent signature

Parent email

Date