

Class Syllabus

Course Title: Spanish III

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My Teaching Philosophy (Who I am, What I stand for, What I will ask you to do, What I will do for you):

My goal is to always promote lifelong learning. I will model to you how one can be incredibly open-minded and learn about the cultures that comprise our diversified world. If you can understand more about an array of cultures you will enter the world with a breadth of knowledge about the people you will encounter, the people that will be fellow employees, neighbors, and friends. That knowledge will foster respect and appreciation, which are imperative as we work together in society to solve the problems around us.

In this class I will ask you to challenge yourself, reach beyond the easy answer, question yourself and the way you think, and learn how to effectively engage in dialogue with those around you, whether in Spanish, English, or any language you learn. For you, I will present an array of avenues, which you can learn from. I will ask you to find the avenue that fits you best and dive into learning! Find your own voice and respect the voices of those around you. I will respect you, encourage you, and assist you if you ask for help. I will not do the work or thinking for you. I will not tolerate disrespectful behavior to anyone or anything. I ask you to come each day with a positive attitude, willing to put in the effort. You get out of life and learning what you put into them!

General Course Goals:

1. Recognition and appreciation for the similarities and differences that exist among all cultures
2. Increased proficiency in the areas of speaking, listening, writing, and reading
3. Verb conjugation in several tenses
4. Introduction to Hispanic art and literature
5. Researching and writing on a famous Hispanic and Spanish speaking country

Student Responsibilities:

1. Don't cause problems for yourself or others and follow the Student Handbook.
2. Be Prepared! (Come prepared to class, bringing ALL supplies needed, including your finished homework assignments!)
3. Be kind and respectful!
4. Speak in Spanish! (In class and outside of class)
5. Listen in Spanish! (Use your computer, ipod, TV, or native speakers. Spanish is everywhere!)
6. Write in Spanish! (All assignments and for fun! ☺)

7. Read in Spanish! (Magazines, books, websites, news, signs, *instrucciones* on any household appliance! :P)

Grading:

1. Smaller activities, assignments, daily participation, and quizzes will range from 1-25 points.
2. Larger assignments, presentations, projects, and exams will range from 25-100 points.
3. Your grade will be calculated weekly via EdEdge by adding the total number points you have earned and dividing it by the total number of points that are possible. (No extra credit assignments.)

Essays:

All essays should adhere to the following:

1. Double-spaced
2. Times New Roman font, size 12
3. One inch margin on all sides
4. APA format

FYI:

1. If you have an absence you will have 2 school days to make up the work.
If you miss a test you will be granted 5 school days to make up the exam.
It is your responsibility to schedule a time with the teacher to make up the missed exam.
2. LATE WORK: If you turn in an assignment after the day it is due **you will receive a 0.**

Laptop use:

It is your responsibility to bring your laptop to class everyday and have it charged. If the battery is running low, I will have some outlets available. Please, ask to use your laptop. I will let you know during class when I want them open. We will utilize our laptops for podcasts, shared google docs, presentations, research, communication with each other, and for sending and retrieving assignments.

*Whenever you have a question or concern, please come in and talk to me or email me. My door is always open when I am in my room! My computer will take your emails day or night! ☺