

Spanish II Course Expectations Mrs. Morelli

Materials: Every day you will need to bring a notebook, writing utensil (pen or pencil, your choice) and your textbook to class. Please cover your textbook. Choose any type of notebook you like, but be sure it has lots of paper. A two-pocket folder for hand-outs is recommended. A red pen is handy for correcting homework.

Participation: Learning a language requires active listening, speaking, reading and writing. Try to listen carefully and imitate the sounds and words that you hear. Making mistakes in pronunciation and grammar is common (just like a baby learning to speak!), so...don't be shy! Speak in Spanish as often as possible and have fun with the language. You'll enjoy yourself and learn more easily. Staying on task during class activities and contributing in a cooperative way to our class is **10% of your grade**.

Attendance: Your handbook explains MAUHS attendance policies. Good participation requires consistent attendance. If you are absent, please see me for missed notes, vocabulary and homework. If you know in advance that you will be absent, check with me before leaving to get your missed assignments. The usual amount of time allowed for submitting make up work or taking missed tests is the same number of days absent.

Remember:

It is YOUR responsibility to inquire about missing work. If you are absent due to a sporting event or field trip, I will expect your work the day you return to class.

Tardiness: Everyone should be in their seats, with their homework out, when class starts. Once class has begun, you will not be allowed to leave unless it is an emergency. If it is an emergency, you will need to use the proper Spanish phrase to inform me of where you need to go before I give you the pass. (We will review these phrases soon). Because time flies when you're having fun, we won't even need to take a break!

Homework: I assign homework every night. A good estimate of the time needed for Spanish homework is 30-40 minutes: 20 minutes for written assignments and 15-20 minutes studying new vocabulary. I will check homework every day at the beginning of class and score it as v+, v, v-, or 0. We will review and correct the homework together each day. I will also give extra credit assignments almost every night. **Homework counts 20% of your overall grade.**

Tests/Quizzes: In order to evaluate your progress in reading, writing, listening and speaking, I will give frequent-sometimes pop-quizzes. The quizzes may be oral or written, and may include verb conjugations, grammar, translations or compositions. Tests are always announced in advance. **Your test/quiz average is 70% of your cumulative grade.**

The final exam counts as 20% of your final grade.

Other: Please do not chew gum or eat during class. Bottled water only. I expect you to respect me, your classmates and school property. With your cooperation, let's have a fun and rewarding semester!