



Piscataway Vocational Technical
High School
Spanish 1 CP
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Spanish 1 CP! I look forward to a great and fun year with all of you! In this class we will explore both the Spanish language and the many colorful cultures that speak that language. You will learn the basics of the language for beginning communication and will explore many exciting cultural practices and products.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

A notebook or a binder section for Spanish class, a folder for Spanish, pencil/pens (blue or black).

GRADING

Classwork 25% Quizzes 25% Tests/Projects 35% Homework 15%

GRADING SCALE

A+ 100-98	B+ 89-87	C+ 79-77	D 69-65
A 97-92	B 86-82	C 76-72	F 64 and below
A- 91-90	B- 81-80	C- 71-70	

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Learn the Spanish alphabet, numbers, colors
- Describe self and others
- Express likes and dislikes
- Express activities in the present tense

EXAM/QUIZ POLICY

Quizzes will be given regularly and may be announced or unannounced. There will be at least one exam and/or project within each unit. These will be announced with plenty of time for you to prepare.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES

- **Be Respectful** of yourself and others-raise your hand to make a comment in class, use your manners and appropriate language, and respect classmates when they participate and don't forget to respect school property as well.
- **Be Prompt**-Arrive on time to class, take your seat right away and begin working on the Do Now activity quietly. If you arrive late to class and have a pass, hand it to the teacher and quietly sit down and start to work.
- **Be Prepared**-Bring all necessary supplies to class with you every time we meet: pen/sharpened pencil, notebook/binder, class materials/handouts, homework/ assignments. Once in the classroom, you may not go to your locker to retrieve supplies or materials.

- **Be Productive**-Be on task independently, participate actively during group activities, complete classwork during the time allotted, follow directions the first time given. Respect class time for learning and doing your work.
- **Cell phone use**-Sometimes, we may need to use cell phones during instructional activities; in which case, Ms. Byszynski will ask you to do so. ***Cell phones may not be used for personal reasons during class time.*** Inadequate use of cell phones will result in confiscation and disciplinary action. Refusal to surrender a cell phone will result in further disciplinary action.
- **Leaving the classroom**-*The best time to use the restroom is before or after class.* If you must leave the classroom, you may ask to leave the room by raising your hand and asking **in Spanish:** "¿ Puedo ir al baño?". During drills and assemblies, we leave the classroom quietly and in an orderly fashion.
- **Dismissal**-***Please stay in your seat until the bell rings and Señora Byszynski dismisses the class.*** Clean your desk area before you leave. Do not leave materials behind and please do not throw garbage on the floor.
- **Assignment Heading**-You must include your full name, date and title on your assignments.
- **Grades**-Your grades will go up or down depending on your performance on classwork, assessments, and class participation. Grades can not be negotiated; they are earned. Make sure to complete all work to the best of your ability and in a timely manner for the best grade possible.
- **Cheating and Plagiarism**-Cheating and plagiarism will result in disciplinary action and you will receive a grade of zero.

Copying someone else's work or asking someone for the answers on individual tests/quizzes/assignments/homeworks constitutes cheating.

Copying and pasting from a website or printing information from a web page and submitting it as your own work is called plagiarism.

While you may use digital dictionaries to find the meaning of individual words, using Google Translate to translate your sentences or paragraphs is considered cheating and this will result in a grade of zero.

MAKEUP WORK:

If you miss work, an exam or a quiz, ***it is your responsibility*** to speak to me about a makeup date. This must be done as soon as you return to class or this grade will become a zero.

LATE WORK POLICY:

Assignments are ***due on the due date***. Unjustified late submissions ***will not be accepted***.

PARTICIPATION:

Participation is expected of all students in Spanish class. In order to learn to speak a language it is necessary to practice and use what you have learned constantly.

GETTING HELP

I am willing to dedicate the time needed to help you succeed. You are encouraged to see me when you need help and/or further explanation of class content. If you feel that you need extra help outside of class time, you may schedule an appointment to meet during a common free period. **Above all**, it is important that you ask for help as soon as you know you need it so that we tackle problems that can set you back early on.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Google Classroom will be the main platform through which I will be sharing information, assignments and materials with you. Please make sure you join the classroom for our class and check it periodically.

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE NEXT PAGE
BY THE NEXT CLASS**



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I have read and understood the course policies and expectations.

print student name

student signature

date

parent/guardian signature

date

parent email

parent phone number

Which form of communication is preferred (circle one):

Email

Phone