**Middlesex County Magnet Schools**

East Brunswick Campus

***Course Syllabus***

Spanish I

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¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to Spanish I!  I look forward to a great and productive school year with you!

Spanish I is intended to help you learn the language at a novice level.  You will learn language structure and use as well as some history and culture.

\*\*This course emphasizes the four basic skills in a language: **READING**, **WRITING**, **SPEAKING**, and **LISTENING**.  Please keep in mind that in order to successfully learn another language you must put forth effort, participate often, study, and practice, practice, practice!

**Required Materials for every class meeting:**

**\*\*Being prepared for class is a requirement.**

* Chrome book and chrome book charger.
* A separate notebook (for your notes) (extra points will be given for notes)
* Pencil/Pen

***Some* general objectives covered in this course:**

* Cognates and alphabet pronunciation.
* Present tense and the Progressive tense.
* Parts of speech including AR, ER, IR, and irregular verbs
* Time/location/weather.
* Geography of Spanish speaking countries.
* History and Culture
* Literature

\*\*Descubre 1(textbook) will be used as a resource for vocabulary and lessons as well as some practice activities.  Textbooks will remain in the classroom.

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM Instruction:**

The “***Stream (page)”***on google classroom will be used for announcements, reminders, and class information.  The ***“Classwork (page)”*** will provide all the different **tabs** with topics such as ––  notes, vocabulary, tests, projects, resources, etc.

\*Substitute assignments will also be found in google classroom under “Substitute Work”.  These assignments are to be completed during my absence only.  The assignment will be assigned accordingly.

**\*\*Everything needed to complete assignments will be provided in your notes.**

\* Make sure to check **google classroom** **every day** for any *missed work, updates, and messages*.

**Google classroom Codes:**

**Period 2A = Vgmj5cw**

**Period 2B = hkuelzw**

**Period 3A = isa2r15**

**Period 3B = 5dzlkwa**

\***Classwork** is to be completed within the time provided.

Missing classwork will result in a zero*.  Additional time will be provided if needed at Sra. Vega’s  discretion.*

**\*Homework** is to be completed by the due date. Missing work will result in a zero.*.*

**\*Project** assignments will be assigned throughout the marking periods.

* There may be multiple project assignments within a marking period.
* Class time will be provided for most project assignments.
* Some projects will/might replace a test.
* Project assignments are due by the due date!  No exceptions!

**\*\* Assignments**

* Expect to receive **verbal and written** assignments regularly.
* **Follow directions and use the resources provided to you *by me!***
* Verbal **use of the Spanish language is mandatory** as this is part of learning a language and will be required throughout many class assignments.
* **Learn your vocabulary!**  It is important!
* You are expected to **participate and put forth effort** in class, as this is required to learn a language and participation is a big part of your grade.
* It is the responsibility of the student to get the notes and/or assignment and make up any missed work during an absence.  All assignments, resources and notes are provided in google classroom.
* \***Assignments are to be completed by the student**.  Students will receive all the information necessary to complete all assignments.   **NO COMPUTER BASED TRANSLATION!**  Computer based translations will result in a grade reduction or a zero.   **Plagiarism will result in a failing grade and there will be no make-ups!**
* **Wait for me to dismiss you from class.**

**Tests and quizzes**

* **One quiz** grade per marking period will be dropped.
* Some quizzes might be unannounced.
* Expect **vocabulary drills** and quizzes regularly.
* Expect 1-3 tests during a marking period.
* Quizzes and tests must be made up on the new date given otherwise it will go in as a zero.

**Course grading setup**

Homework = 15%

Quizzes = 20%

Classwork = 20%

Participation = 20%

Tests/Projects = 25%

**Grading Scale**

A+ = 100-97 B+ = 89-87 C+ =79-77 D= 69-65

A   = 96-94 B   = 86-84 C   =76-74 F = 64 & below

A-  = 93-90 B- = 83-80 C- = 73-70

**Class Rules and procedures:**

1. **Be Respectful!  Unacceptable behavior will result in detention/parent contact.**
2. Always be prepared and put effort into your work.  **Take responsibility for your education!**
3. **Follow directions and use the resources provided to you *by me!***
4. Be on time to class! (unexcused/unexplained lates will result in detention).
5. No wandering around the classroom during instruction. (Disruptive behavior will result in detention/parent contact).
6. Be present-- participate and ask questions when needed.
7. Eating in class is unacceptable.  THERE IS NO EATING IN CLASS!
8. No cell phones during instruction!
9. **Passes** are **always required** before leaving the classroom.   Abuse of passes will result in parent contact and pass restriction.
10. **Passes to the bathroom will be on an emergency basis only**. Bathroom breaks will be monitored.  Abuse of passes will result in pass restriction and parent contact.  **No passes will be given to lockers** (be prepared before you come to class).  **Passes to guidance** will need to be requested by your guidance counselor.
11. **Lock Down drills** are to be taken seriously at all times.  Failure to do so will result in parent contact and detention.

**\*Unmet class procedures/rules and academic requirements can/will result in:**

1. Reduction in grade.

2. Parent contact and detention.

3. Administrative Disciplinary action.

\*\*Please note – this syllabus is subject to revisions throughout the year.  Any changes will be made clear.