

# Middlesex County Magnet Schools

## East Brunswick Campus

### Course Syllabus – Spanish I

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#### ¡Bienvenidos!

Welcome to **Spanish II**! I am excited to begin a year of learning, exploration, and growth with you. This course is designed to introduce you to the Spanish language at the **novice level**, while also helping you connect with the **cultures of Spanish-speaking communities** around the world.

From the very first day, we will focus on using Spanish to communicate. Expect the class to be taught **primarily in Spanish** through **Comprehensible Input (CI)**, visuals, gestures, and authentic resources such as music, videos, and short readings. You will be expected to use Spanish actively—listening, speaking, reading, and writing—at a level that grows with you throughout the year.

#### Required Materials (every day)

- Charged **Chromebook** and charger
- **Notebook** (dedicated for Spanish notes)
- **Folder** for handouts and assignments
- **Pen/Pencil**

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

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## Course Goals & Objectives

By the end of Spanish I, you will be able to:

- Use **basic vocabulary and expressions** to communicate in Spanish
- Participate in conversations using familiar structures (greetings, descriptions, questions, likes/dislikes, activities, and more.)
- Understand and respond to **spoken Spanish** in class through context and repetition.
- Read and interpret **authentic materials** at a novice level (short stories, signs, menus, simple articles).
- Write short, simple messages, descriptions, and dialogues in Spanish.
- Develop an appreciation for the **cultures, traditions, and perspectives** of the Spanish-speaking world.

**Important:** The main goal of this class is **communication**. Mistakes are expected and welcomed—they are part of learning!

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## Resources

- **Descubre 1** (VHL) – used as a guide for vocabulary and practice activities. (Textbooks remain in class; online access will be provided.)
- **Authentic resources** – songs, videos, stories, cultural texts, and real-world Spanish materials.
- **Google Classroom** – daily assignments, notes, vocabulary, announcements, and resources will be posted here.

**Check Google Classroom daily.**

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## Assignments & Assessments

- **Classwork & Participation (in Spanish!)** – daily speaking, listening, and interactive activities in Spanish.
- **Vocabulary Practice** – frequent study is necessary; quizzes will check understanding.
- **Homework** – short practice activities to reinforce vocabulary and grammar.
- **Projects** – cultural and language-based projects (some in class, some at home).

- **Tests & Quizzes** – vocabulary, listening comprehension, writing tasks, and unit tests (unit tests are always announced).
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## **Class Participation & Language Use**

- **Spanish will be the main language of instruction.**
- You are expected to **use Spanish every day**—even with limited vocabulary.
- Use what you know: greetings, basic expressions, sentence starters, and class vocabulary.
- Participation includes effort in **listening carefully, responding in Spanish, and staying engaged.**
- English will only be used for important clarifications and instruction as needed.

**Remember:** The more Spanish you use, the more confident and fluent you will become!

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## **Grading Breakdown**

- Classwork/Participation (in Spanish) = 25%
- Quizzes = 20%
- Writing = 15%
- Tests/Projects = 25%
- Speaking = 15%

## **Class Rules & Expectations**

- **Be respectful**—to yourself, classmates, and your teacher.
- **Cell phones away.** Use of phones = disciplinary action.
- Be on time and prepared.
- **There is No eating in class.**
- Take responsibility for your learning—ask questions, take risks, and try your best in Spanish.
- No computer-based translations. All work must reflect **your Spanish knowledge.**

**Consequences:**

1. Grade reduction.
  2. Parent contact.
  3. Detention / Administrative disciplinary action.
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**Final Note**

This course is designed to help you **communicate and connect** in Spanish. Every day, you'll be using Spanish to build your skills and confidence. Embrace mistakes, celebrate progress, and be open to discovering the cultures and voices of the Spanish-speaking world.