

¡BIENVENIDOS A LA CLASE DE ESPAÑOL! - SPANISH 1 - FALL 2016

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Communication: Join our class website <http://gonzspanishclass.weebly.com>

Classroom: 1701

Office Hours: Tuesday 2:45-3:45 *If you need to meet at any other time, please see me to make an appointment. (If students are not there within the 1st ten minutes, I will take this to mean that no one is coming in, and I will be free to do my own work.)

Textbook: Realidades 1 – Prentice Hall

Online Textbook Website: To be announced

Dear Parent/Guardian and Students,

I am very excited for us to start your Spanish journey together. Learning ANY foreign language can be difficult, but I am going to try to make it as fun and stress-free as possible. Whatever your reasons are for taking this class, I want you to be successful, and with hard work, you can be.

We will have a very interactive class, and you MUST participate. Part of learning a foreign language is practice! Athletes don't get better by watching the sport alone; they also need to participate in the practices.

Please know that I am here to help! Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Materials:

1. 1 Composition Notebook or a 1" Binder
2. 1 3-prong/2 pocket folder
3. Note taking utensils: pencils/erasers/pens (blue or black)/highlighters/white-out
4. Spanish/English dictionary (amazon.com or Barnes and Noble)
*www.WordReference.com is an excellent online Spanish/English dictionary and it has a mobile website that will work well with cell phones. (GOOGLE TRANSLATE IS NOT A RELIABLE/ACCEPTABLE RESOURCE)
5. Colored pencils or markers!!

Classroom donations are welcome, but not necessary:

1. Tissues
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Loose-leaf paper (to have on-hand for students without)
4. Pens/Pencils/Erasers (to have on-hand for students without)
5. Markers/Colored Pencils (to have on-hand for students without)

Course Description (From WCPSS):

This course is for the student who wishes to take Spanish for the first time, as well as the one who has explored the language at the middle school. Students study basic grammatical structures and vocabulary and use them in listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities at the beginning level. Topics include the present tense, preterit tense, agreement and placement of adjectives, definite and indefinite articles, numbers, basic adjectives, common prepositions, telling time, basic foods, forming questions, demonstrative adjectives, weather expressions, the calendar, basic idiomatic expressions, and the culture of the Spanish-speaking world.

Prerequisite: None

Grades:

Students will be graded on informal assessments (i.e. classwork, homework, current events, and notebookchecks), quizzes, tests, and projects. Classwork includes participation in spoken and written assignments. Just as I mentioned before, practicing speaking the language is a big part of this class. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter and quizzes will be given in-between tests. Students should check HomeBase/PowerSchool often to keep up with their own grades. I will make in-class announcements when grades have been updated.

The World Languages Department's retesting policy will be followed. All students will be allowed to retake a test (regardless of original grade earned) within 5 class days of receiving the graded test. Only one re-take attempt is allowed per test. Students MUST make an appointment to retake the test. Tests may be retaken before school, during lunch, or afterschool.

Tests: 25%

Projects: 25%

Quizzes: 25%

Informal assessments: 25%

*Midterm is 10% of Quarter 1 Grade

*Final Exam is 20% of Final Grade

Grading Scale: A = 100 – 90 D = 69 – 60
 B = 89 – 80 F = 59 – 0
 C = 79 – 70

Late Work:

Work turned in passed the due date will result in points deducted. Eight (10) points will be deducted from the student's grade each day the assignment is late. Late assignments can be turned in until the next interim date. If it is not turned in by that date, the grade WILL remain a ZERO (0). Tests and quizzes that are not made up in a reasonable amount of time (during the interim period) will remain as a ZERO (0).

Absences:

Work missed due to a student's excused absence may be made up (students are allowed one day per absence to make up work). It is the students' responsibility to collect missed assignments (students must make the effort to do so before or after class time). Please note: Mr. González will NOT follow you around to make sure you make up your assignments, your grade is YOUR responsibility! Tests or quizzes may be made up by appointment.

Homework:

Homework is an integral part of learning a second language. The more time spent with the language, the better the acquisition. Students will have homework Monday-Thursday (and Fridays/weekends, occasionally), this homework should not take longer than 30 minutes to complete, with the exception of study guides for tests. Students must also spend at least an additional 20 minutes daily studying and reviewing from their notebook. Homework will be turned in and graded daily on completion and quality. Selected assignments will be graded in detail, so students should ensure they are doing their very best on every assignment.

PRIDE at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School:

- P: being Proactive
- R: showing Respect and Responsibility in all you do
- I: displaying a sense of Integrity
- D: having Discipline and self-control
- E: striving for Excellence in all that you do

Integrity:

(noun): adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty. – dictionary.reference.com

As part of the Southeast and Wake County policies pertaining to integrity, cheating or plagiarism will not be permitted. A student caught cheating will receive a zero on the test/assignment. A parent/guardian will be notified if a student is caught cheating.

Bottom Line...Show your Southeast Raleigh **PRIDE!**

Policies and Procedures:

- *If you need help, do NOT hesitate to ask. I will be available afterschool on Thursdays.
- *My e-mail is always available to you and your family. Please note: it may take up to 24 hours to respond to your e-mail.

All WCPSS and SRMHS rules will be followed at all times.

1. Electronic Devices should not be visible during classes.
If I see or hear your cell phone/electronic device, it WILL be BAGGED AND TAGGED.
(See the cell-phone policy below.)
2. Respect yourself, others, property, and resources.
3. Be ON TIME and PREPARED for class.
4. No profanity, disruptive, or derogatory language. Please treat others the way that you want to be treated.

5. You may have a drink with a LID in class, but no food, please. *This includes chewing gum. It is difficult to practice correct pronunciation with your mouth full. ☺
6. Raise your hand in order to speak or to get out of your seat.
7. Ask for permission to use computers or risk an AUP violation.
8. Don't touch anything on my desk without permission.

ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SHOULD BE OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE ENTERING THE CLASSROOM.

IF your cell phone is in sight/heard, it WILL be taken.

1st Offense: Cell-phone taken for the remainder of the class period

2nd Offense: Bag and Tag

*Refusal to give-up your cell phone is a discipline referral, please be RESPONSIBLE!

Procedures...

All students should be in 1701, book-bags neatly tucked under chairs/desks, seated in his or her own seat, with all materials needed, working on the bell-ringer when the bell rings. If you aren't in 1701 when the bell rings, you will be swept to the S.O.T. station. Remember: "Start on Time."

1. Homework should be turned in as soon as you walk in the door (directions are ALWAYS posted). All homework is due within first 5 minutes of class, after this time, your homework is considered late (and points will be deducted).
2. No talking during direct instruction, quizzes, or tests. *Talking will ONLY be allowed during classwork when Mr. González gives permission, otherwise, you are silent.
3. I expect all work to be labeled with your **name, date, block, and assignment title.**
4. NO TALKING during announcements. It is especially difficult to hear announcements in the trailers, please be quiet when an announcement is made.
5. ALWAYS keep the 7 habits in mind!
 - Take responsibility for YOUR life.
 - Define your goals and mission in life.
 - PRIORITIZE and do the most important things first.
 - Have an attitude that everyone can win.
 - Listen to people SINCERELY.
 - Work TOGETHER to achieve MORE.
 - Renew yourself REGULARLY.

Please return this page to Mr. González tomorrow.

I have read and understood the course syllabus for Mr. González Spanish 2 Class.

Print Student First and Last Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Parent/Guardian First and Last Name _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address(es)

Parent/Guardian Daytime Contact Number(s)

Student's Schedule:

	Class	Teacher	Room
1 st Block:			
2 nd Block:			
3 rd Block:			
4 th Block:			

Extra-Curricular Activities/Sports:

Do you have a job? (If so, how many hours per week do you typically work?)

Is there anything else you want me to know? (health concerns/personal issues/learning preferences/disabilities)
