



La clase de español



Class Information and Expectations

Instructor: Señorita Snider, Room 14 (“College Now” certified for articulation through Lane Community College—Spanish 3/4/5—transfers to many universities/colleges)

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WordPress blog: Online access to class information, assignments, due dates, upcoming tests, etc.: www.fernridge.k12.or.us/jsnider

Texts: En Español, by McDougal Littell and Más Práctica workbook by McDougal Littell

Spanish Fee: \$20—covers the cost of the Spanish workbook—don’t lose it or you pay more!

Course Objectives: This class will strive to build vocabulary and conversational ability as well as reading, writing and comprehension/listening skills, and to instill an appreciation of various Hispanic/Spanish cultures (some of the Essential Skills). By the end of this course (1 year), students **should** achieve proficiency stage 2 under the Oregon Second Language Standards: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/teachlearn/subjects/secondlanguages/standards/second-language-all-in-one.pdf>

Proficiency Level 2:

SL.PS2.IL.01 Demonstrate understanding of main ideas from short, simple conversations, narratives and presentations on a limited range of familiar topics in everyday situations.

SL.PS2.IR.01 Obtain information from simple text, often using contextual cues.

SL.PS2.IS.01 Use memorized phrases, sentences and questions to express ideas or obtain information on a limited range of topics in everyday situations.

SL.PS2.PW.01 Write from memory some high-frequency words, phrases and simple sentences and questions.

SL.PS2.PS.01 Speak to an audience using memorized phrases and simple sentences.

***All students will receive an overall (transcript) and an academic grade, reflecting his/her mastery of the Oregon Standards for Second Language Proficiency!**

Academic Effort: Students will be expected to bring paper/notebook and a writing tool (pencil; blue or black pen) as well as their textbook and workbook to class each day. Notes should be taken in class to supplement text explanations. By taking notes, you are providing yourself a reminder of the material being learned. Notes are also helpful study aids in preparing for tests and quizzes.

Class Rules/Essential Skills:

- ❑ Always give every task your best effort. Strive for a good/strong work ethic!
- ❑ Speak Spanish as much as possible. (Solamente en español)
- ❑ Cooperate with students and teacher(s) in the class (¡Ayúdame!). Be positive and encourage one another! No put downs! (¡Sé amable!) Be a good team player! Be a good listener!
- ❑ Policies and procedures within the EHS Student Handbook will be followed (refer to the handbook for any questions regarding tardies, cell phones, food/drinks, etc.).

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Classroom Conduct: Students will be expected to learn in a positive and active manner. Have respect for your peers as they learn the language. This class will require oral work so mutual respect is essential for positive learning. Disrespect of any kind will **NOT** be tolerated. In addition, any student caught cheating will automatically receive an “F” on that “assignment/test/quiz/project,” and a parent/guardian will be notified as well via email or a telephone call.

Tardies: Our class follows what is stated in the handbook. Because class is only around fifty minutes long, students should **always** come prepared to class and ready to learn. Students should not need to use the restroom or leave the room during class [I understand emergencies arise every now and then=)]. Each student has a four to five minute passing period so students should plan accordingly and go to their lockers to get their books, workbooks, notebooks and use the restroom or get a drink of water if needed. Don’t forget to ask in Spanish! (¿Puedo ir al baño? o ¿Puedo ir a mi armario?). If it becomes a problem, a “Thursday school” will be issued (considered an “unprepared tardy”).

Safety: Our classroom evacuates to the track area. During a fire drill, students will exit quickly in an orderly fashion. During earthquake drills or lockdown, students will remain quiet, avoid external windows and stay away from hallways and doors as much as possible.

Grading: Your grade at the end of the quarter/semester (points system) will be based on the following percentage chart:

100-97	A+	86-83	B	72-70	C-	59-0	F
96-93	A	82-80	B-	69-67	D+		
92-90	A-	79-77	C+	66-63	D		
89-87	B+	76-73	C	62-60	D-		

Grades will be given based on:

- Quizzes and Chapter tests (if students do poorly in this area, there are opportunities to retake tests and quizzes until the progress report/report card—about every 4 ½ weeks). . . be sure to talk to me!
- Oral assessments, projects [**must** be turned in on the scheduled due date, turned in ahead of time or have someone turn it in for you or you will **not** receive the points for turning it in “on time”—**no exceptions**], various writing assignments, formal presentations and a cumulative final exam (about 10-15% of your overall grade)
- Accuracy and completion of class work and homework
- Participation—attend class, come prepared and be an active learner!

Absences/Make-up Work: Attendance is vital because you cannot learn if you are not in class. **When you are absent, it is up to you to make up all work that you have missed.** As a general rule, you will have as long to make up missed work as you were absent if that absence is excused (**see me before a planned trip or athletic event**). If the absence is unexcused, the late work policy will take effect. Go to my “WordPress” (blog) to check out missed information (it will typically be updated daily for homework assignments, upcoming due dates, etc.).

Extra help is **always available. . . come see me and we can arrange something (before/after school/my prep period/Homework Club)! If you don’t communicate with me, I may not always know that you need extra assistance. . . ¿Vale?*

I hope this year in Spanish class will be enjoyable and fulfilling. Please do not hesitate to see me individually if you have any questions, concerns or problems, and I will do the same. ¡Buena suerte con todo!

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