

Spanish I Syllabus & Class Information

Northwest Guilford High School

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am-9:45am

About the class

We will be exploring various themes like greetings, parts of the body, activities people like and don't like to do, personality traits, school subjects, food, activities outside the school, family descriptions and celebrations, rooms in the house and bedroom descriptions, and more! We will be learning Spanish grammar and aspects of the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

Emphasis will be placed on the four components of language: **speaking, listening, reading and writing**. Students will better understand cultural perspectives, traditions, ideas and practices of the Spanish-speaking world.

Supplies

- Composition notebook: Although we will be online at first, it is very important that you also keep notes in your notebook to help you practice and process the material. I will be asking you to periodically submit a photo of your notebook through Canvas.
- Pen/pencil/writing utensils
- Coloring utensils
- A computer or tablet with internet access. If you do not have access to this, please let the school know!
- The online text we will use is "Realidades". I will also be using supplemental materials from other sources.

Expectations

Live classes:

- Attend all live classes with your camera on and microphone muted. You may turn on your mic if you have a question or if I call on you to answer a question.

- Attendance will be taken in live classes, if you cannot attend a class, please let me know ahead of time.
- Participate in class discussion - engage with the class and myself!
- Cell phone usage is prohibited during live sessions unless instructed by me. You should be fully engaged and present.
- You should make an effort to practice speaking during our live sessions and allow your peers to practice too.
- Please always be respectful and patient with your teachers. We are learning about many different platforms of technology and are trying to find the best way to effectively teach! It is easier for some of us and more difficult for others. In all, please be kind 😊

Self-guided work:

- You will be responsible for checking what is due by clicking on the week buttons on Canvas. I also recommend you keep a planner or a calendar in which you can write down all of your assignments.
- Although we are online, I am expecting you complete each assignment using your OWN work. Please complete each assignment on your own with only using outside resources for help but not to fulfill all of your work.
- If you need help with anything, feel free to let me know so I can explain things clearly to you!

What is cheating?

- Using Google translate – I can tell when you use translation devices. Any assignment that has been completed this way will **NOT** be accepted.
- Copying assignments from friends
- Sending others any part of your assignment
- ALL OF THE ABOVE are considered cheating and will not be tolerated in this course.

Be honest with yourself and your work! Learning a new language can be really challenging but I am here to answer any of your questions.

Canvas

- Each day, you need to make sure to check the page of the week! You will find everything you need to do here. If you are absent, you can also see the work that you missed.
- Pay attention to deadlines on canvas. To turn in a late assignment, you will have to speak with me first to let me know.

- Make sure you follow the following path to get to your responsibilities of the day: Homepage > Month > Week.

Grades

Listening: 20%

Reading 20%

Speaking 25%

Writing 25%

Integrated skills - participation/classwork 10%

Not all assignments will be graded and entered into PowerSchool. You should try your best on all assignments just in case.

Assignments from Canvas will be graded and recorded onto PowerSchool. Please always check both accounts and let me know immediately if you notice any inconsistencies with your grade!

Contact / Office Hours

You may contact me through the following:

- Text message through Remind (@dbka9g)
- Email at ardilam@gcsnc.co
- Message through Canvas
- **Office hours:** Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am-9:45am

Note: I will be available **Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm**. Be mindful that I might not get back to you outside of these hours, but you'll hear from me the following day or after the weekend!