
Clase de Español

Expectations:

Lion Pride Code of Conduct: **PRIDE**

P-Be **Positive** and **Prepared**

R - Be **Respectful**

I - Demonstrate **Integrity**

D - Appreciate and Respect **Diversity**

E - Strive for **Excellence**

- I. **Prepared.** Be in the classroom, in your seat, with materials out and cell phone parked when the bell rings.
 - A. When you enter the room, please turn your cell phone off and “park” it on the wooden bookcase. *Everyday! No exceptions!*
 - B. Materials include:
 1. A functioning writing utensil
 2. A notebook that will be described by you teacher for your level of Spanish.
 3. Any assignments that are due for your class period.
 - C. If you are LATE
 1. You must have a pass from the office.
 2. First time = warning. Second = detention with your teacher. Third = Administrative detention.
- II. **Respectful.**
 - A. Take notes on new information! This shows the teacher you are listening and that you realize the material is important!
 - B. Raise your hand rather than calling out answers. This gives *everyone* a chance to answer.
 - C. Do not translate questions/words for a classmate! Everyone needs time to *think* and process language. Translating is not helping... it is telling your friend that you think they aren't smart enough to figure things out for their self. THAT is *disrespectful!*
 - D. Laughter is a good thing... if you are not directing it at someone's answer. *In a language class, we will all say things that sound funny, sometimes come out wrong and that's OK!* We can have fun with language but NOT at a classmate's expense.
- III. **Integrity.**
 - A. Use your own words! If you don't know how to say something in Spanish *exactly the way you would in English* that's OK! Use the words you KNOW. **Using an on-line translator, a Spanish-English Dictionary (Levels 1-3) or the words of a native Spanish speaking friend is ILLEGAL IN THIS CLASS!** These are not YOUR words and they will not help you to learn the vocabulary that you need.
 - B. Use your own ideas! It is good to talk things over with a classmate and we often work together on assignments... but always put your answers down in your own way- not the way a friend said it!
 - C. Both A. and B. hold doubly true on tests, quizzes and homework! Taking someone else's ideas in such an instance is **cheating**; it's dishonest. It does not show **Integrity**.
- IV. **Diversity.**
 - A. There are more than 20 countries that speak Spanish! In some countries they may use a word that is “unacceptable” in, for example, Mexico or Peru! Spanish is a language that has evolved from diverse cultures and so, if you have heard another way of saying something... feel free to ask! I will also tell you if I know of any!

- B.** In class there is often a *diversity* of answers. If your answer is different from someone else's, it does not mean that it's necessarily wrong. There are *diverse* ways of expressing our thoughts. For example, I could say that roses are red but it is equally true that roses are pink, yellow, white etc.
- V.** **Excellence!** *Always try YOUR best!* That's all anyone can ask of you and only you truly know if you have tried your very best (*part of integrity is being honest with yourself!*). Everybody makes mistakes. The goal is to **learn** from them ☺.

What you will need to succeed:

A *binder* with paper and pockets. – Not a spiral notebook, although this can be the source of your paper.

Daily practice. – Class time is practice time but also you will need to practice on your own! Sometimes this may be written homework. At others, you may need to login to **VHLcentral.com** and listen to a video, read a passage, watch a tutorial. *If you do not have access to the internet, there are options available to you. You can:*

- A. *Plan to do online work in the library before or after school, or during a study hall. I will gladly write you a research pass for this purpose.*
- B. *See me privately and we can make arrangements that work for your situation.*

Effort to complete your assignments.- Effort is visible in handwriting, spelling, punctuation and, of course, completion.

**See your Student handbook for policies regarding absences.*

Extra time is given, as needed on tests and quizzes.

Assessment of language is continual and on-going. Language is assessed based on, not only reading and writing (homework and tests) but also on listening comprehension and speaking. Everyday your participation, efforts at pronunciation and use of Spanish will be evaluated. The teacher cannot assess your progress or needs if you do not use class time as practice time!