

Hartsville High School – Spanish I Syllabus

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¡Bienvenidos a Español Uno! Welcome to Spanish I.

Course Objectives: This course will instruct students on how to obtain a beginner's level understanding of the basics involved with the Spanish language. Elements such as pronunciation, vocabulary, present tense verbs, and introductory grammar will be covered throughout the year. The student's communication skills will be enhanced to read and write at a basic level and to learn about the fundamentals of Latin culture in different Spanish-speaking countries. This class will focus on the appreciation of diversity and the beauty of the Spanish language.

Required Textbook and Materials

- ¡Exprésate! 1 published by Holt, Rinehart, and Winston
- Pencils/Pens
- Notebook paper and a folder for keeping assignments
- Access to powerpoints software or posterboards for project presentations.

Homework: On occasion students will be expected to complete work outside of the classroom such as reading, research, and mostly projects. No late homework will be accepted. It will be due at the beginning of the period of the assigned day.

Tests and quizzes: Students should expect a quiz every week at any day or time unless we have another exam or composition that week. Tests will be given at the end of each unit and will cover the material learned up until that point.

Projects: We will have at least one project per quarter. Some will be individually assigned whereas others will be with partners. Group projects require students to exchange contact information and to plan according to their schedule to complete the project. Students will receive an Assignment Sheet with instructions and a rubric.

Compositions: Students will write short compositions (similar to essays) throughout the school year. They will be provided instructions and a rubric for grading. If handwriting is not legible, the student must rewrite it.

Missed assignments- If a student misses a test, quiz, or a classroom assignment it is **his/her responsibility** to make arrangements with me immediately. HHS generally allows 5 days to make up a classroom assignment but tests need to be made up even sooner. I will be available before school starts, during my planning period, and briefly after school. Missed grades will be counted as a zero until made up.

Presentations: Students will be required to give oral presentations as assigned by their teacher with accompanying instructions. Some will be performed by individuals and others will be done in groups with ALL members participating. Students will be graded on effort just as much as grammar or pronunciation. These are practice sessions to help enhance oral communication.

Classroom Rules and Consequences

- Be on time every day.
- NO Cell Phones, Video Games, Musical devices, Earphones, I-Pads, or Laptops are allowed to be out in the classroom. If anyone caught using a device in class, it will be confiscated by the teacher. No exceptions.
- Be respectful of school property and others.
- Come to class prepared with your pencil, book, paper, etc. (see school rules)
- If you need to get up for any reason you NEED TO ASK PERMISSION. No wondering around class unless it's part of an activity.
- Teacher's area is off limits to students.
- Keep the area around you clean of trash.
- Use the restroom between classes. As per school policy, students are allowed only four (4) hall passes per quarter.
- Consequences or minor offenses may include a verbal warning for the first offense, a call to parents for second offense, and a referral to an administrator for the third offense
- In cases of outright breaking of school rules and policy such as dress code violations, cell phone or other devices out, or any behavior that is risky or blatantly offensive will usually result in notification of an administrator if such behavior or display is not corrected immediately.

Above all let's have fun and make this class an enjoyable experience. If you work hard, you will succeed. **Español es divertido. Spanish is fun.**

Grading Scale:

You will have ample opportunities to pass and excel in this class by taking quizzes and chapter tests, doing homework and class work, participating in oral presentations, doing projects, class participation, etc.

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| Tests | 35% |
| Homework/Daily/Classwork | 35% |
| Quizzes/Interim assessments | 20% |
| Oral Presentations/Projects | 10% |

*Grades and attendance may be checked at anytime by accessing the Parent Portal on Hartsville High School's website – <http://hhs.dcsdschools.org>

This syllabus is tentative and may be altered at my discretion, depending on the progress of the class.

Parental Agreement upon reading the class syllabus; this MUST be signed and turned into the teacher.

I _____ have read the syllabus and understand what is expected

Parent/Guardian (print)

of my child, _____ regarding requirements, procedures, and

Student Name (print)

expectations in Mr. Bushman's Spanish class.

I also understand that my child is also obligated to follow the Hartsville High School rules and that cheating and plagiarizing will not be tolerated. They will also not be allowed to use online translators but they are expected to turn in their own original work.

_____ Parent/Guardian (signature) _____ Date

Parent/Guardian home phone # _____

Parent/Guardian cell phone # _____

Parent/Guardian work phone # _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address _____