

ESPAÑOL I – Señora Guzmán Las Notas (Grading System)

Any Spanish class, regardless of the level, consists of five components: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and culture. Most of the class will be conducted in Spanish.

Each student will use the *Realidades I* textbook. The textbook must be turned in at the end of the semester. A workbook will be given to each student, but must be replaced if lost. A \$10 fee will be charged for a new workbook. A new chapter will be covered every 5 to 6 days. For each chapter, a vocabulary quiz, grammar quiz, and test will be given.

Averaging Grades

Major Tests (after chapters)	30%
Quizzes (oral & written & Journal)	30%
Classwork / Homework / Stations	15%
Conversación / Participation	10%
Notebook	Major Test Grade
Final Exam	15%

More in-depth assignments or projects will count as either a quiz or test grade.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Spanish class progress reports will be given out three times during the semester. The progress reports must be signed each time by the parent or guardian. If the student does not obtain a parent signature, 10 points will be deducted each time from the notebook grade.

HOMEWORK

Students should study flashcards or grammar 15 minutes every night. Often there will be a written assignment also. **No** late work will be accepted unless a student has an excused absence from the class.

STATIONS

On most days, we will spend the latter part of the class period working in five stations (reading and writing, listening, speaking, video, and computer). The class will be divided to work in different stations each day. Grades for work done will fall under the above mentioned grading system depending on the amount of work involved.

PRIZE POINTS

Prize points will be awarded for many different activities including games, special questions of the day, or bringing in authentic material related to the Spanish speaking world. Also, points will be given if students bring candy to be used as game prizes or Kleenex or disinfecting wipes for class use. One to five points will be rewarded. These points will be added to quiz grades.

CONVERSACION / PARTICIPATION

The conversación / participación grade represents 10% of your total grade. Speaking Spanish is perhaps the most important part of the class. Most of the class will be conducted in Spanish. Your base grade for conversación / participación will be a 70. You will receive points for conversing with the teacher or other classmates in Spanish. There will be a teacher directed conversation time during the beginning of each class. Other opportunities will include class conversations, small group work, and pair work. Students will receive a 70 for simply not speaking English during these times. Five points will be added to the base grade for speaking Spanish and five points will be deducted for speaking English (or interrupting another student). Five points will also be deducted for not participating (not having materials, sleeping, not participating in class activities). A participation grade will be given each week. A maximum of 110 points will be given for each week. Points cannot be carried over to the next week.

NOTEBOOK

Students must keep a notebook for the class. Please see the attached form for set up. It will count as a major test grade.

JOURNAL

Each student will keep a journal inside of the notebook. Most days an entry will be made in Spanish in the journal. This may consist of a couple of sentences or a paragraph. The journals will be collected every three weeks and graded. This will be a quiz grade. Entries should be original (not copied) or a 0 will be given.

TUTORING

I will be available for tutoring on every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons and at other times upon request. Please see me if you need any help.