

ESPAÑOL 3

Las Notas (Grading System)

Any Spanish class, regardless of the level, consists of five components: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and culture. Spanish 3 is an Honors Course and will be conducted as such. Except for the explanation of some grammar points and instructions, **the course will be conducted in Spanish** and each student will be expected to use Spanish only. For this year, we will be finishing the *Realidades 2* textbook and starting the *Realidades 3* textbook. We also will be reading literature in the form of poetry and short stories. A vocabulary quiz, a grammar quiz, and a chapter test will be given for each.

Averaging Grades

Major Tests (after most chapters)	30%
Quizzes (oral & written) & Journal	35%
Classwork / Homework	10%
Conversation / Participation	10%
Notebook	Major Test Grade
Final Exam	15%

More in-depth written assignments, show and tell presentations, videos or projects will count as either a quiz or test grade.

PROJECT TALK

We will use some 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.

HOMEWORK

There will be some form of homework every night. Often this will consist of a written assignment. At least fifteen minutes per night must be devoted to studying vocabulary or grammar.

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. These points will be added to quiz grades. All students will have many opportunities to earn these points. Students may also bring in candy for games or Kleenex or disinfecting wipes for class use.

VIDEOS

On occasion, students will create videos using themes and vocabulary from specific sections of the textbook. These will count as either quiz or test grades.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

You will have writing assignments of varying length. On occasion, you will have in class timed writing assignments when dictionaries will not be allowed.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS / SHOW AND TELL

Some show and tell or other oral presentations are required. A written paper is not necessary. Students will talk (not read) for a certain amount of time about a topic of either the teacher's or students choosing. Students will bring something representing the topic to class. These will count as quiz grades.

CONVERSATION / 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. These entries will be at least a paragraph in length. 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

Please see me if you are having any problems in Spanish. I will be available after school for extra help. Please let me know in advance so that I will be in the classroom. If you prefer help from another student, every effort will be made to find someone.