

Mr. Bentley

Nestucca High School

Class: Spanish 1

Status: Elective

Academic Year: 2015-2016

Course Description: ¡Hola y bienvenidos! In Spanish 1, we will learn the basics of the Spanish language and the cultures of people around the world who speak it. This class will prepare you for Spanish 2 and fulfills the foreign language credit requirement for graduation; it will also allow you to begin speaking to other Spanish Speakers and allow for your horizons to broaden.

Objectives

Students will be able to speak and write in the present tense about a variety of previously studied subjects.

Students will be able to read a variety of simple texts in Spanish and both understand and interpret them.

Students will be able to understand simple spoken Spanish instructions and conversations.

Students will become familiar with cultures within the Spanish-speaking world and understand the differences and similarities with our own culture.

Texts

Our textbook will be ¡Avancemos! Level 1. This will also be accompanied by videos, audio, short stories, and various study tools to give everyone the chance to learn the basics of Spanish in a way which makes sense to them.

Grading

Grades will be based on points given for the following:

Homework

In-class activities, presentations, and discussions

Tests and quizzes

Grading will be done on a percentage scale from 0-100% with more weight given to tests and papers

Grading Scale: 100-90% = A

 89-80% = B

 79-70% = C

 69-60% = D

 59-0% = F

Late Work: Daily work will not be accepted more than one day after the original due date unless previously arranged. Papers and tests will need to be done by the due date and turned in. I am flexible if exceptions need to be made, but see me before that date.

Classroom Rules

1. **Respect Others-** all students, teachers, assistants, and guests in the class will treat all others with respect for their person and their thoughts/opinions regardless of personal beliefs.
2. **Do Not Disrupt Class-** this is a classroom where ideas are meant to be shared, and learning is a team effort. This means that everyone needs to be respectful of the normal classroom behaviors expected for a given situation (wait your turn, do not interrupt, acceptable voice levels, etc.)
3. **Be Prepared for Class-** It is required that all students come to class on time (in seat and ready to go at the bell) with all supplies each day: book, pen, binder, journal, and any other items mentioned before that day.
4. **Technological Devices-** To help maintain an orderly and attentive atmosphere, technological devices (phones, tablets, iPods, etc.) will not be used in class unless for an academic purpose. To prevent confusion, I will specify whether or not a requested use is acceptable at that time for the given reason
5. **Give your best effort-** Practice does not make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect. It is expected that all students will give their best in class; this will help you personally understand the material better, and sharing your knowledge may also help your classmates.

Daily Supplies

The following are necessary for daily success in class: let me know if you do not have these and I can supply them for a price.

1. Pen (dark ink, not red) or pencil
2. 3-ring binder with notebook paper and dividers
3. Textbooks or any other reading materials we are using in class at the time

Additional

For any issues which may occur throughout the year, the student handbook will be the final word where applicable, but I would prefer that we avoid that type of behavior altogether.

If you would like to set up an appointment for a meeting regarding make-up work, arranged absences, behavioral issues, or just clarification on something, send me an email at: tylerb@nestucca.k12.or.us, or leave a voicemail at (503) 392-3194 Ext. 219.

I am looking forward to having you all in my class this year.