

Syllabus for 2013 - 2014

Señorita Wyffels / Miss Wyffels / Miss Wyff

Room 4

Spanish 1 and 3

Conference hours: 2nd hour, 3rd hour, before school, and after school

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Materials needed in class every day:

Textbook

Notebook or binder with loose-leaf paper

Folder - this is mandatory!

Writing utensils

Dry erase marker (either black or blue)

What to expect in this class / Classroom rules:

1. Speak as much Spanish as possible.
2. Value and respect other opinions and ideas.
3. Keep an open mind to differences in cultures.
4. Be in your seat BEFORE the bell rings. Otherwise, you are tardy. No warnings.
5. Late work is NOT accepted for full credit unless it is an excused absence. Day late = 1 pt.
6. Cheating/plagiarism results in a zero, as well as a call home and a referral.
7. No food or drink allowed in the classroom. Water is okay... for now.
8. Homework must be completed BEFORE class. This means before you enter my room.
9. You may not do work for other classes during my class. It's not a study hall!
10. No electronics of any sort allowed in the classroom (this includes calculators, iPods, etc.)
You can have your cell phone with you, but it must be turned off or set to silent. If your phone goes off in class, whether you are using it or not, it will be considered a classroom disruption and will be turned into the main office. No use of cell phones in class!

Grading:

Grading is based off of a total points system. This means that grades are not weighted. However, tests and quizzes are worth more points than homework and participation, therefore paralleling it with a weighted system. The foreign language department uses an approximate 50-50 grading scale. This means that approximately 50% of your grade consists of test and quizzes, while the other 50% consists of participation, class work, and homework.

Participation is a daily requirement. Participation is not based off of correct answers, but from a display of effort and answers that have been well thought-out. My classroom is a welcoming environment in which mistakes are welcomed and used as learning opportunities. Daily participation grades also stem from being prepared for my class, which means coming with all required materials and being on time. We will use poker chips (fichas) for participation.

Spanish quizzes will consist of English to Spanish translations in which vocabulary must be spelled out correctly, including accent marks. Vocabulary should be studied daily, not just the night before. Homework is daily (even weekends) and projects occur every now and then. In my class you should expect to encounter variety, hard work, as well as fun! ¡Bienvenidos! (Welcome!)