

Cornwall Central High School
Course: Spanish 4 / SUNY 200
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

My goal in this class is to help students learn, understand, speak, read and write Spanish as well as teach them about the culture of Spanish speaking countries. Oral expressiveness, vocabulary enrichment, grammatical refinement will be emphasized. I hope that you will carry the knowledge of another language throughout your life and will use it in your future.

Please look on my webpage on the school's website for homework assignments, updates and resources. My grades are posted on Parent Portal as soon as they are returned to students. If there is a problem with a grade, a student must discuss it directly with me prior to a parent contact.

Course Requirements:

1. **Textbook:** In this class you will use textbooks *Abriendo Paso Gramática* and *Abriendo Paso Lectura*. Books are only used in class. If you wish to have a textbook at home, you need to sign it out. You must take good care of your book. In case your book is lost, you will have to pay a fine of \$59.97 (Gramática) and \$59.97 (Lectura). Do NOT take a book out of the classroom without teacher's permission.
2. **Notebook:** You must have a notebook. Designate a 3-ring binder for this class. Your notebook should be divided into three sections: vocabulary, class notes (grammar), homework. You can punch holes in all returned papers and handouts and keep them in your binder.
3. **Homework:** There will be a homework assignment almost every day. You also are expected to reinforce vocabulary every night. Your homework will be checked daily and corrected in class. **Your homework assignments are posted on my webpage daily.** You may miss **two** homework assignments per marking period without consequences. After that you will lose one point off your marking period average for every missing assignment. Homework assignments **may not be made up** unless you were absent the days when they were given. I will drop your lowest grade for the marking period if all of your homework assignments are done on time. This rule does not apply to students who missed more than five classes per quarter.
4. **Grading:**
1/3 of your grade will be the average of quiz and composition grades;
1/3 of your grade will be the average grades on tests, reports and projects;
1/3 of your grade will be based on your oral proficiency and participation in class.

There are no benchmark tests in this class. Your average for the year is based on four quarters and a final exam (20% each).

5. **Quizzes:** You will have one or two quizzes a week. They will be announced in advance in class and/or online. Missed quizzes must be made up.

6. **Compositions:** You will have to write compositions either in class or as a homework assignment. **Any use of electronic translators will result in a zero.** Compositions must be turned in on time. You will lose ten points on your grade for the composition for each day that it's late.
7. **Tests:** There will be several tests in a marking period. They will always be announced in advance both in class and online. It is your responsibility to make up the test if you miss it.
8. **Oral Participation:** Speaking is the most significant part of any language. Therefore your oral participation is very important. You will be evaluated on your participation in class and on your proficiency in speaking Spanish. You will have to make an oral presentation at least twice a year.

Classroom Behavior Policies:

1. **Respect:** You must be respectful not only to me but to the other students in the class. You may not interrupt when somebody else is speaking and you should raise your hand if you would like to speak. You also have to be respectful of the property of the school and of others.
2. **Lateness to Class:** You are expected to be on time for class. If you are not in the classroom when the bell rings, you will be considered late. The following is the school's policy regarding lateness: 1st: warning; 2nd: lunch detention with me; 3rd: administrative detention.
3. **Coming Prepared to Class:** You are expected to bring all the necessary material to class (your homework, notebook, and pen or pencil). You will lose one point off your quiz grade for each day that you come to class unprepared.
4. **Gum Chewing:** There is no gum chewing allowed in my class.
5. **Absences:** If a student is absent due to illness the day before a test/quiz, he/she will be allowed to take it the next day. If a student is absent for any other reason, he/she is responsible for the work missed and will take a test on the day when it is scheduled.

This list does not include all of the school rules and regulations. It is your responsibility to refer to your student handbook for the rules and regulations implied by the school.

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I certify that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the course requirements and classroom behavior policies for Ms. Chernyak's class. **Please, provide your email.**

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent's email(s) (Please print and indicate whose)