

Syllabus 2010 – 2011
SPANISH 1A
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I. Course Description

This course will focus on the Spanish language and its culture. It will cover the basics of communication in Spanish through listening, reading, writing & speaking. Students will also learn about different aspects of culture from various Spanish speaking countries through readings, lectures & projects. Computer technology and audio-visual materials are used.

II. Goals for Class

After completing this class, students will acquire a basic vocabulary needed for daily expression, be able to write short compositions in Spanish, be able to read and understand short compositions in Spanish and have a deeper appreciation for the cultures of Spanish speaking countries.

III. Required Materials

- Realidades A, Pearson Prentice Hall, Editions: 2008 (textbook), 2004 (workbook) ISBN # 0131340891 (Textbook) and 0130360007 (Practice Workbook) ****Your name should be written inside your book and it should be covered at all times.**
- Black or blue pen only to complete assignments, red pen to correct
- 1 folder only to be used for Spanish materials
- 1 spiral notebook per semester
- Student planner

IV. Grading Policy – all work is assigned a point value which is used to help calculate the average grade for each category of work. Each category average is given a “weight” to help make up a student’s overall grade. The “weights” are listed below.

100 % - 90 %	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70 %	C
69% - 60%	D
Below 60%	F

Weighted Averages:	
Homework – 15%	Projects / Reports – 10%
Quizzes - 30%	Att. & Part. – 10%
Tests – 35%	

Homework	20 pts. → assigned 3-4 times a week
Quizzes	50 pts → given 3-4 times a month and may include vocabulary only, grammar only or culture only
Tests	100 pts → one per chapter, will include vocabulary and grammar
Projects / Reports	80 pts → roughly one per month and/or chapter and may be individual or group
Attendance & Participation	100 pts → this includes asking / answering questions, this includes Volunteering to read and disrupting the class

**Points may be adjusted to allow for variance in work load.*

Classroom Policies & Procedures:



Attendance & Participation: Daily attendance, participation, & cooperation (following directions) will be recorded to include in the Attendance & Participation portion of your grade. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated & will affect your grade. After the 5 minute passing period ends and class begins, you are expected to be **in your seat** with all required materials, ready to begin class. Consistently leaving the room to get supplies may affect your grade. Most often, there are instructions on the board when class begins to help with getting started. **I should not** have to remind the class each day that the instructions are there.

Homework:

Homework will be due the next day of class unless otherwise stated. It should never be done in class unless instructed to do so. If homework is started in class, your grade for that assignment is an automatic “0.” If you plan on being gone for an extended period of time, please let me know at least three days in advance. Illegible or messy work is unacceptable and will have to be redone.

Quizzes and Exams: Vocabulary and grammar quizzes are given **frequently**. Because language requires a lot of practice, you should review the vocabulary each night so as to be ready for a quiz at any time. You should also expect a chapter test upon the completion of each chapter. Semester and final exams are worth two test grades.

Make-up Work:

In the event of an absence, it is **your** responsibility to check my website, me or a peer for that night’s homework assignment and to see what you may have missed. If you were absent on the day of a quiz or test and were here when it was assigned, you will take the quiz or test on the day you return. You should also turn in the homework that was due on the day of your absence, upon your return.

***There is no extra credit for this class.**

Late Work:

Students are allowed **TWO** late homework passes per semester and may submit up to two late assignments with the homework pass to receive full credit **within a week of the original due date**. I will specify when a homework pass will not be accepted for a particular assignment.

Classroom standards:

- 1) Take care of restroom needs **before or after** class.
- 2) There is absolutely no food, drink or gum allowed in the classroom. Water is okay.
- 3) Take your seat and look for instructions on the board.
- 4) Participate in all class activities and **HAVE FUN!**
- 5) Write homework assignments in your Student Planner before you leave
- 6) Make sure to look around for any trash to throw away on your way out of the classroom.
- 7) Wait for **me** to dismiss you.

