**¡Bienvenidos a Español 1!**

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We are very excited that you are taking Spanish 1 this year! This course will serve as an introduction to what we hope is just the beginning of your Spanish language learning. This year, you will learn to speak, write and read in Spanish. You will also develop skills in listening to spoken Spanish. Our goal is for you to leave this course with confidence, and a broader knowledge of the Spanish language and culture!

**Classroom Expectations**

* **Be respectful of everyone and everything in the classroom.** Our class works together as a team. Learning a new language requires participation and speaking a foreign language can be intimidating for some students. We will all encourage one another and make this classroom is a safe learning environment for everyone. Also, we expect that you will keep the classroom and your desk clean!
* **Be on time and prepared with all of your required materials.** We will follow the school-wide lockout policy. Once the bell has rung, the door will be shut and you will not be allowed in. Please be in your seat when the bell rings and have your notebook out so that you can begin working on your warmup.
* **Be Attentive!** Paying attention in this class will be crucial to your success. Much of the class will be conducted in Spanish. This may be difficult at first, but you will be surprised at how much you will learn. If you don’t understand something, ask! Our goal is to help you learn to speak and understand Spanish.
* **Keep phones/devices in your backpack!** Remember to turn **all** electronic devices off and leave them in your backpack during the school day. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the device being given to an administrator and then being picked up by your guardian.
* **Water is permitted…** if it is in clear water bottle. You may not chew gum or bring food into the classroom, however.

**Consequences**

 Any behavior that interferes with learning, classroom expectations, or school policies will have a consequence.

1. Verbal Warning
2. Seat Change
3. Phone call home
4. After school detention
5. Office referral

**Required Materials**

1. 3-ring binder\*
2. Writing utensils
3. Expo (dry erase) marker

 \*You will need a 3-ring binder with loose-leaf paper and a set of four dividers. There will be a notebook check at the beginning of the semester that will count as a graded assignment. Everything in your notebook should be organized, legible, and neat. You will be expected to date everything in your notebook and copy down the daily objectives with your warm-up. This will help you remain accountable for your work and be organized for class.

**Grading** – We follow the school wide grading policy.

* Formal Category – 70% (Tests, Projects, Presentations)
* Informal Category – 30% (Quizzes, Homework, classwork, and participation)

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg grading scale will be used in class.

* A 90-100%
* B 80-90%
* C 70-80%
* D 60-70%
* F 59 and below

**Academic Expectations**

1. Work must be turned in on time to receive full credit. Assignments turned in 1 day late will drop to a 70%. The second day the assignment is late it will be a 50%. After that, you will receive a 10%.
2. If you are absent, **you are responsible** for getting the work you missed. You will have 5 school days to make up your missed work. This includes notes, quizzes, tests, and assignments. Please check the Wiki or the make up work bin for what you have missed.
3. There is a zero tolerance policy for cheating. Your first offense will include a referral, 3 days of after school detention, a phone call home, and a zero for the assignment.

 \***It is the policy of Ardrey Kell High School to not give any extra credit.**

**Reassessments**

 Unit tests only may be retaken if your grade is a 79 or below. Please refer to your teacher’s webpage for the World Language Department’s policy.

**Tutoring**

 Tutoring will be available for all students every day before school from 6:55 to 7:20 or after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:20 to 3:00. Please let us know if you plan on coming to tutoring. You may also make individual tutoring arrangements with your teacher if needed.

**¡Vamos a aprender el español!**