

Denver School of the Arts
School Year 2013-2014
AP Spanish Language and Culture Materials, Grading & Expectations
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Materials & Supplies

Students are expected to bring the following to class on a daily basis:

-Textbook: *AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam Preparation* (Vista Higher Learning)

-A 3-ring binder with 5 sections as follows:

- Syllabus
- Reading & Vocabulary
- Grammatical Structures
- Homework
- Assessment (grade work, projects, progress report, etc)

-Pens and pencils

-Composition notebook (journal)

-Previous handouts

-A Spanish-English dictionary

Grading

1. Grading Criteria

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| • Academic Participation* | 20% |
| • Class work (listening, speaking, writing, reading exercises) | 20% |
| • Homework | 10% |
| • Cultural Projects | 10% |
| • Quizzes, Tests and Other Assessments | 30% |
| • Semester Assessment | 10% |

*(**Speaking Spanish in class** is a must and students will be graded everyday for doing so.)

2. Grading Scale

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A	93 – 100
A-	90 – 92
B+	87 – 89
B	83 – 86
B-	80 – 82
C+	77 – 79
C	73 – 76
C-	70 – 72
D	60 – 69
F	below 60

Tutoring

For after school help or make up work I will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.

Expectations

- 1) **Attendance and Participation:** Absences are detrimental to your learning. Students are expected to come prepared with materials and to be ready to participate and learn in all speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities.
- 2) **Tardy Policy:** If tardiness becomes persistent I will contact home and talk to the Dean of Students.
- 3) **Late Work:** Late work will be accepted for **excused** absences and must be completed within **48 hours**. After that, no work can be made up unless you have contacted me beforehand. **All other work is accepted for 75% off of your grade for that assignment and must be completed within 2 weeks.** It is the student's responsibility to find out what was missed during an absence.
- 4) **Food and Drinks:** Coffee, tea, water, and gum are acceptable. Food is not acceptable.
- 5) **Electronic Devices:** Keep your phone off or set it to "silent". Don't text in class or listen to music on your own device. There is NO individual music during tests. I will take your phone/iPod away if you abuse this policy, and you are welcome to pick it up from me at the end of the day. Repeated violations will result in discussions with parents/administration.
- 6) **Class Rules:** Students are expected to behave properly in the classroom by following these class rules:
 - a. **Respect Yourself and Others**
 - b. **Speak Spanish**
 - c. **Respect the Teaching/Learning Process**

These rules will ensure that we will have a great year! If one or more of the above rules are broken, the following steps will be taken:

- i. Verbal warning
- ii. Conference with student and call home
- iii. Conference with student, call home or parent/teacher conference
- iv. Student is referred to the Dean of Students

Signatures

Please go over the AP Spanish Language and Culture syllabus and AP Spanish Language and Culture Materials, Grading & Expectations with your parents. When you have read them and discussed them, bring back this page no later than the second week of class signed by both yourself and your parents, or have your parent send me an email acknowledging that you two went over them. Make sure that the student name and class period is on the email confirmation. Don't hesitate if you have any questions. I am looking forward to a successful and fun school year with you.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____