

## **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

### **MR. LINARDI – SPANISH V AP - YEAR 2019/2020**

#### **Course Description:**

Spanish V AP continues the curriculum of Spanish Intermediate 2 Honors. The AP level Spanish course is designed to enhance students' ability to function in listening, speaking, reading, and writing at a highly sophisticated level. Students will be expected to use Spanish in class at all times, to do much independent work outside of class, and to function at a college level of responsibility. Coursework will include independent reading, oral and listening activities using a wide variety of topics and grammatical structures, and advanced writing assignments. The class is conducted exclusively in the target language.

#### **Objective:**

To prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination, by acquiring advanced command of speaking, listening, reading, writing, and culture understanding.

#### **Textbooks:**

- Vista Higher Learning, Temas
- Vista Higher Learning, AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam Preparation

#### **CLASSROOM POLICIES and EXPECTATIONS:**

- ❖ School policies: During my class, all students must follow the school policies specified in the student handbook. This especially includes no tardiness, no gum/candy, and no eating.
- ❖ Readiness: Be in your seat before the second bell rings and have your class materials out and ready.
- ❖ Text and workbooks: Bring them to class every day together with a notebook, pens and pencils, and any other requested materials. Coming to class without your books, your binder or any of these materials will affect your grade for class participation.
- ❖ Class participation: I expect that all students participate actively in the lessons, and in all classroom activities. Class participation is an important part of your grade.
- ❖ Classroom behavior: Raise your hand to speak in class. Be respectful: do not speak while someone else, either teacher or another student has the floor. Ask permission to the teacher if you need to be excused from the room. Finally, remember that the teacher not the bell dismisses you.

- ❖ Cellphones: Unless specifically requested by the teacher for a classroom activity, they should not be visible during class. Please turn them off and keep them out of sight. If you use your phone during class, it will be confiscated and you will have to pick it up at the end of the day. Repeat offenses will result in disciplinary action.
- ❖ Homework: Will be assigned every day, checked at the beginning of the class, and frequently picked up for grading purposes. HW is essential to your academic progress; therefore, you will receive either a check or a plus/minus, which at the end of the quarter will count on your grade for homework and class participation. Late work results in a 50% penalty on your assignment's grade and will only be accepted the following class. In case of absence, please check my Wiki for homework assignments.
- ❖ Make-up work: Should be done immediately. It is your responsibility to see me about making up missed quizzes and tests the day of your return; otherwise it will automatically turn into a "0" after a week.
- ❖ Extra-help sessions: You are welcome to come for extra help and/or make-up most afternoons after school, during my official days (Tuesdays and Wednesdays), or at other times by appointment.
- ❖ Grading policies: **Assessments**: will represent 80% of your grade. Please note that all my grades will be a percentage instead of a point value. Therefore, all quizzes, double-quizzes, and tests (worth 4 quizzes) will receive a percentage grade and a weight (1, 2 or 4 according to their length). **Participation** will be the remaining 20% of your grade. Participation includes your homework as well as your class participation and the use of the Spanish language in class (oral participation is central to a language course).
- ❖ Honesty: According to the student handbook, DSHS expects honesty in all academic work. Violations of these standards will result in a "0" on the assignment, and the notification of parents, guidance counselor and the Main Office. Seeking help from someone on an assignment is permitted. Copying answers from someone else's assignment is not. Use of machine translation programs available on the Internet or extensive reliance on any other outside resource is *cheating/plagiarism* and often easily recognizable. While you are encouraged to use bilingual dictionaries, you must complete assignments without the help of translation programs.

***Good luck and welcome to my class!***

Please, sign on the lines below that you have received, read and discussed this letter and return one copy ASAP.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_