

9th Grade Spanish

High Tech High International

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Objectives:

All students will enter High Tech High International with varying levels of exposure to the Spanish language. Therefore, expectations of language development and speaking ability will vary for each student. However, regardless of prior exposure, each student will end the year better equipped to communicate in Spanish, comprehend Spanish writing and speaking, and be more aware of various cultural aspects of the Spanish-speaking world.

Classroom “Non-negotiables:

Respect: The classroom will be a space in which all students can express their opinions in a supportive environment. This is especially important when learning a new language as students may be apprehensive about making a mistake in front of peers. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

Participation: Students will engage in all class activities. I will often ask for student feedback as to what components of class are most effective and which can be improved.

Responsibility: Students will submit all required assignments on their due dates, complete all work to the best of their ability, and be prompt to class.

Classwork:

Students will be grouped based on their knowledge of Spanish. As mentioned, there will be various levels of proficiency in each class, and student expectations are developed based on a students’ prior knowledge. Students will be assigned various projects over the course of the year worth various amounts of points. These project details and the various assignments associated with those projects will be clearly communicated as the year progresses and will also be available on my Digital Profile.

We will also be using online resources, Duolingo and EdPuzzle, to augment class work.

Grades:

Letter	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D/F
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Grade									
Percent Range	93% & Up	90-92 %	87-89 %	83-86 %	80-82 %	77-79 %	73-76 %	70-73 %	0-69%

Please note that all High Tech High schools require a grade of 70% or higher as passing. If a student earns a 69% or lower, that student will either be required to take summer school or have to repeat the grade level (for students that do not pass 3 or more courses).

Students and parents can check grades via Powerschool (<http://powerschool.hightechhigh.org/public>). Any Powerschool questions can be directed to Joanna Clark (jclark@hightechhigh.org). Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Late Policy:

Students must turn in their work on time. Any late submission will be docked 25% for each day it is late. Please note that weekends count as days late (for example, if an assignment is due on Friday and you turn it in on Monday, it will be docked 75%). I will not accept any work more than 3 days late. If a student needs an extension on an assignment or there are personal circumstances that will affect a student's grade, I strongly encourage a family member to contact me and make me aware. Planning and communication are the best way to avoid any issues.

Absence/Tardy Policy:

If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to inquire as to what work they missed and to pick up that work. If a student is tardy to class, after one warning the student will hand over their cell phone and it will be returned to the student at the end of the day. If a student is repeatedly tardy, a parent/guardian will be required to pick up the cell phone at the end of the day.

Civics

As part of their grade, students will earn Civics points. These will be related to punctuality to class, being on task, and taking care of your space and class belongings.

Cell Phone Policy:

At times, work will require a cell phone and students will be permitted to use their phones. Other than those times, students should have their cell phone put away during class. If a parent needs to get in contact with a student, please have them call or email the front desk.

List of Supplies:

- Writing utensil
- 3 Ring Binder
- notebook

Please note that if your student does not bring the recommended supplies, the school will provide the supplies for them. If you have any questions/comments, please feel free to contact me.