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## Spanish 2 Course Description

In Spanish II, we follow the ACTFL's national specifications for "Novice-mid to Intermediate-low" proficiency to build on the basic vocabulary and simple verbs and language structures learned in Spanish I. Throughout the semester we use 21<sup>st</sup>-Century technology to investigate aspects of Hispanic cultures, to collaborate on seeing the world with new perspective, and to focus on using Spanish in practical ways, including listening, writing, interpersonal and presentational tasks. **Yes, you are graded on pronunciation, memorization and fluency. Topics: travel, eating out, health and medicine, professions, chores, social events and childhood narratives.**

### Rules and Expectations:

- Before you enter the classroom, your phone and earbuds must be in your bookbag. No exceptions. I will write a disciplinary referral and contact your parents the second time you break this rule and every time thereafter.
- No food, candy or gum, or drinks (except water).
- Keep an open mind and laugh, with kindness ... with me, with yourselves ... a lot!
- There is homework every night at the least to look over the day's notes and vocabulary.

### Spanish 2 Grading Scale:

- Tests, Oral Participation, Notebook=60% • Homework, Classwork=20% • Quizzes=20% • Final exam=20%

### Important Information:

- Needed for Class:
  - a three-ring binder - no substitutes, please.
  - access to the Internet at home and a phone or computer for homework.
  - you will use glue, colored pencils, scissors, markers and a ruler.
- Absences: Every day you miss class, you fall behind. I have found that after every 3-4 absences a student's grade drops by a letter grade. Students must come to every class.
- Make-up Work: All students are responsible for making up work within 5 class days after an absence. Don't ask me to re-teach a 90-minute lesson to you in 5 minutes. Get notes from a classmate. Find out from him or her what work we did, look over the material, then come to me after school for tutoring.
- Tutoring: I am available every afternoon after school for tutoring (by appointment) and on most days for drop-ins. If you say you're coming, then I'll expect you to show up.
- Exams: Students may re-take any exam and have the highest grade recorded. Students have 5 days after seeing a test grade to stay after school for re-teaching. After that, you can no longer remediate or retake any test. Arrangements must be made with me ahead of time. Retakes are given after school on the day you sign up for.

I have read the above and have discussed it with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student)  
Preferred way for me to contact you:

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_