

español dos con profe bajorek

WHAT IS SPANISH TWO LIKE?

Spanish II is an exciting class, full of grammatical structures and vocabulary that will help you become a more advanced Spanish learner. At the end of Spanish II, you will be able to communicate in both the present and past tenses—quite the accomplishment after only two semesters of instruction! It must be included that, because this is level II, you should **already have a solid foundation** in the language with Spanish I (preferably a C+ or higher in prior level). We will spend the first few weeks reviewing and studying the major concepts from level I, but please understand that if you're struggling in the first few weeks of class, it will become increasingly more difficult as we learn new material that builds upon prior knowledge.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Vocabulary topics: school, daily routines, shopping, errands, the town, childhood activities, driving/transportation, celebrations, and disasters.

Grammar topics: stem-changing verbs, negatives, comparisons, reflexive verbs, possessive adjectives, direct and indirect object pronouns, and the two types of past tense (imperfect and preterit).

WHAT DO I NEED?

You need to bring the following to class **daily**:

- 1.5 inch binder with four or eleven dividers
- Spiral bound one subject notebook dedicated to just notes
- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Pencils
- Colored pens
- Expo marker for mini white board
- Eraser of some sort for white board
- Glue stick/tape (RECOMMENDED)

I would love to have donations of:

- Tissues!!!
- Expo markers
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes

HOW WILL I BE GRADED?

Like all Spanish II students at FVHS, your final grade is made up of your quarter grades & final exam.

Quarter grade

HOMEWORK (5 percent)

Homework assignments will include vocabulary and grammar practices. You'll receive a homework grade each week based on the number of assignments you completed **on time**. You should spend about 30 minutes a night completing homework or reviewing vocabulary.

CLASSWORK (25 percent)

Classwork assignments will include bellwork, reading activities, vocabulary practices, writing samples, speaking activities, and grammar reviews. You will also have a "Cuadricula" each unit that will help you prepare for your test—it will be given the first day of the unit, turned in the day of the test, and will count double.

QUIZZES (30 percent)

Quizzes will include vocabulary and grammar assessments and "sorpresas" ☺. You'll be given a schedule at the beginning of each unit with the dates of upcoming quizzes. Vocabulary quizzes require you to produce the word **and spell it correctly**. You can earn up to ten points of extra credit on each by putting a related word (example: the book—el libro, leer). Grammar quizzes will require you to use the grammatical structures that we study. Any announced grammar quiz will count double.

TESTS (40 percent)

Tests will be taken at the end of each unit, assessing grammar, vocabulary, listening, writing, and speaking. You'll be given an outline of the test to help you prepare.

Final exam

Your final exam is cumulative and is worth 20 percent of your final grade (with each quarter grade counting 40 percent). You'll demonstrate your mastery of vocabulary and grammar through a multiple choice assessment, a writing assignment, and a speaking activity.

HOW CAN I BE SUCCESSFUL?

*Ask questions when you don't understand! Working through your issues right away is so much better than waiting until they snowball. I'm more than willing to help you in class or after school (sign up on the calendar if you want to stay after). You can even tweet me questions in the evening—be warned, I go to bed early!

*Participate! Practicing your Spanish in class will help you improve. Do all activities, volunteer when you know an answer, and use your Spanish with me and your peers.

*Study your vocabulary! Knowing your vocabulary words makes the rest of the unit easier. A good way to practice is **Quizlet** (there is a website quizlet.com and an app for your phone) because you can make flash cards, play games, and hear the words spoken. You may also practice by writing your words repeatedly using a trifold. Don't forget to come up with related words for extra credit on your quiz.

*Do your cuadricula! Doing your cuadricula is an excellent review for your test. I choose those specific activities to help you practice the grammar and vocabulary you'll need to know, so do them! Also, don't forget that it counts as **two** classwork grades—but you can turn it in early for five extra points ☺

*Turn in work on time! Failing to turn in an assignment on time will result in a deduction of **ten points** for every day it is late, up to four days. Any work not turned in by the following progress report will remain a 0. (This is FVHS policy)

*Come to class! Being in class everyday (mentally, not just physically...) is so important. You need to be here to get the information and to be able to practice it.

*Be considerate! Showing up on time with all your supplies, respecting me and our time together, being kind to your peers, and cleaning up after yourself will take you far in this class.

*Focus on your learning, not on your phone! No cell phones are permitted in class unless it is part of a BYOD activity. If your phone is out or in use, it will be confiscated. For the first offense, it will be returned to you at the end of the class period. For the second and any subsequent offenses, it will be confiscated and sent to the office for a parent/guardian to pick up.

WHAT IF I'M ABSENT?

-Check the Spanish 2 binder as soon as you return to get the work and notes that you missed.

-Show me your note from the office. In order to make up assignments or assessments your absences must be **excused**. I do not have to let you make up any work for unexcused absences...this includes quizzes and tests.

-Complete makeup work in a timely fashion. According to WCPSS Policy, "for **EXCUSED** absences of one (1) to three (3) days, the student will have one day for each day absent."

****It is my expectation that if a quiz/test has been announced and you are present for instruction, you will take the assessment with the class—meaning if you miss the day before a test or a quiz, you will still take it.

I'm looking forward to working with you this semester!

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AFTER SCHOOL AVAILABILITY: most Wednesdays and Thursdays until 3:15 (check calendar to make sure!)