

¡Bienvenidos! ¡Vamos a Aprender Español!

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8th grade

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course's grade is calculated from 4 components: chapter tests, quizzes, homework and class work.

Grading System for Quarter Grade:

1. Chapter Tests	50%
2. Quizzes	20%
3. Homework	15%
4. Classwork	15%

Grading System for Semester Grade:

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} \text{Quarters I \& II average Grade} & + & \text{High school Credit Semester Exam} & = & \text{Semester Grade} \\ 75\% & & 25\% & = & 100\% \end{array}$$

Semester final exams are mandatory for high school credit courses.

Welcome to Spanish I! This class is a high school credit course with demanding expectations. In order to receive full high school credit, students must pass a Hillsborough County Spanish Mid-term and Spanish Final Exam. In addition, students are required to actively participate during lessons, fine-tune speaking, listening and writing skills. Students will also be expected to complete projects and other assignments throughout the year.

Each chapter test will require students to write short stories in Spanish. This is mandated by the county to pass the class, and meet the Florida Standards. Therefore, I will be assigning writing prompts in order to prepare your child for the high school credit exam. Please note students are not allowed to use Spanish translators such as Google translate for these assignments. An online or literal translation from English to Spanish is considered cheating (resulting in a zero for that assignment) and I will know if they use it. They can only use it as a reference tool in finding meaning to isolated words, not complete phrases or sentences.

Late Assignments: Absolutely NO late assignments will be accepted (except by school policy). An assignment is considered late after I have collected the assignment at the beginning of class.

Materials: *¡Así se dice!* Spanish I Workbook, Composition Notebook, pencils, erasers, three-prong plastic folder and a computer with internet access and a printer.

Classroom Expectations: Students are expected to observe proper classroom etiquette. This code of behavior must be followed, so that class activities can be carried out effectively. In general, please refrain from

behaving in such ways that would interfere or disrupt class activities or show disrespect for your fellow classmates. All specific questions about classroom behavior should be referenced to in the student handbook. Violations of the student code of conduct will invoke a measured response as dictated by the handbook.

The Spanish I program will use *¡Así se dice! Spanish I* and the corresponding workbook for homework, audio, speaking, and add-on skills. Students are required to have this workbook with them at all times during Spanish class. The workbook will be available to purchase this week during class. The fee will be: \$17. Please send in a check payable to TCMS or cash in an envelope labeled Spanish Workbook 8th grade and it must be turned in to me during class time. The due date for this fee is Friday, August 16th.

For the most part, I will speak to the students in Spanish, so that they get used to the target language's usage. Interestingly, I am a native Spanish speaker from Paraguay and I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary School K-6 and a Master's Degree in Curriculum Instruction & Technology both from USF. I also hold a Professional Educator Certificate with a K-12 Spanish, ESOL & Gifted endorsement. This is my sixth year at TCMS. I am so excited to continue working at this prestigious school. I am very confident that your child will enjoy this class and will understand the importance of mastering a second language.

During the first day of class, students will be provided with explanations of classroom rules and expectations. Please read, sign and return these forms with your child and make sure that they fully understand them. Remember that communication is the key to ensure your child's success. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at yolanda.barrios@tcmstornadoes.com.

I look forward to working with your child this year!

Atentamente,
Ms. Barrios
Spanish Instructor

I have read and understood the statements from the Spanish I syllabus. I also understand that the workbook fee of \$17.00 is due by Friday August, 16th.

Parent Signature

Student Signature