Course Syllabus Academy of Richmond County 2024-2025

**Course Syllabus**

**Spanish I**

**World Languages**

** Academy of Richmond County**

# Zulailed Rivera Thompson

Room: 704

Tutoring/Conferences: *Monday –Wednesday* *by appointment*

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# Materials

*Encuentros* Level I textbook (Vista) – will be checked out via the Media Center

3-ring binder

Binder dividers

Pens, pencils, highlighters

Paper

Spanish-English dictionary

Parents if you are willing to donate any extra supplies, I would appreciate it. Supplies requested: pencils, tissue, hand sanitizer, paper, dictionaries, and anything else that could be used for instruction. ¡Gracias!

# Objectives

Students will develop their communicative competence in the target language and understand the culture of the people who speak the language. There will be an emphasis on speaking in the target language when possible and appropriate. ([www.georgiastandards.org)](http://www.georgiastandards.org/)

Each student will be expected to read, write, speak, and listen in the Spanish language as appropriate and to participate in Performance Based Assessments.

# Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st century

Students will experience the 5 C’s:

Communication – use of the language

Cultures – ability to understand other peoples’ view

Connections – connect to other subject areas

Comparisons – compare and contrast the language and culture

Communities – extend learning from the classroom to the home and community

# Grading

Each nine-week period will consist of grades in the following categories:

1. **Homework** – should be completed **at home** and will be graded on completion. Homework will be similar to and represent items and activities that students will see on other assessments and therefore should be taken seriously.
2. **Classwork** – will be done in class as practice of the target language. Classwork will also mimic other assessments.
3. **Participation** – students are expected to actively participate in class. Refusing to work or being a distraction to others will negatively affect your CW/HW/Participation grade.
4. **Tests and quizzes** – a pretest will be given before each unit and a post test will be given after. Quizzes will be given throughout a unit and will be announced and unannounced.
5. **Performance Based Assessments** – tasks where students are expected to show their proficiency in the target language via speaking and writing. A rubric for grading will be provided for each PBA.

# Grading Policy

Students should keep a record of all grades and use Infinite Campus to check their grades at least on a weekly basis.

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| **Class** | **Major Grades** | **Minor Grades** | **Total** |
| Spanish I | 40% | 60% | 100% |

**Class Operation:**

**Student Responsibilities:**

1. Students must be in class on time. **ABSOLUTELY NO TARDIES.** We only have 50 minutes to speak Spanish and we need to do so as much as possible. Passes to go elsewhere in the building during this time will **NOT** be issued.
2. Students must bring an excuse when absent **NO LEGAL EXCUSE- NO WORK. Legal excuses:** 
   * **Medical excuse**
   * **Death in the family**
   * **Court date**

1. **If a non-legal absence occurs such as field trips, school activities etc., Test and homework must be completed on the day of your return. You can also turn in work ahead of time! If you are in ISS, work will be sent to you. If suspended, you must contact teacher immediately.** If an assignment is not completed, a missing (calculates to zero) will be placed in the grade book. No make-up work for unexcused absences.If a student exceeds more than 10 days of being absent, he/she will need to meet with me after school to make work up.
2. If student exceeds more than 10 days of being absent, he/she will receive no credit.
3. **ALL WORK IS DUE WHEN TEACHER SAYS SO-** If you have the habit of turning in work late a letter grade will be taken off for late work. Example

**One day- minus 11pts- grade starts at an 89**

**Two days- minus 22pts-grade starts at a 78**

**Three days- minus 33pts- grade starts at a 67**

It is wise to turn in work beforehand if you have any reason to be out.

1. Cheating will not be tolerated.
2. No means NO!
3. We will abide by the Student Conduct and Discipline Handbook, make sure you READ it.
4. **NO CELL PHONES**, **SMART WATCHES, EARBUDS/HEADPHONES, or TABLETS** in class. If I hear or see them, they will be taken away and sent to the office per county policy.

# Expectations

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|  | **Student** |  | **Teacher** |
| 1.  2.  3.  4.  5. 6. | Speak in Spanish when possible.  Participate in class activities. Arrive willing to learn.  Ask questions.  See me for tutoring or conferences.  Study a half hour each night. | 1. 2.  3.  4.  5.  6.  7. | Prepare lessons.  Monitor students’ learning and behavior.  Offer tutoring.  Keep class website up to date.  Correct work in a timely manner.  Update grades in Infinite Campus.  Communicate with parents. |

**Discipline:**

1. First offense- conference with student
2. Second Offense-Telephone parents
3. Third offense- Morning or Afternoon Detention
4. Fourth offense- Parent Conference
5. Fifth offense- Referral to office
6. There are situations that mandate direct referral to office. See Handbook.

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Please sign and date, take a picture and upload it to Canvas.

By signing below, I understand what is expected of me for this course:

Student Signature/Date

Parent signature/Date