Español III Honors

Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School

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**Class Objective & Goals**

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de Español III! We are focusing on PROFICIENCY, which addresses your ability to actually manipulate and communicate in the target language. The objective of this class is to acquire the necessary skills for basic speaking, reading, listening and writing in Spanish while connecting with and exploring the cultures of Spanish speaking countries. According to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), students at this level should reach a Novice-High to Intermediate-Low level of mastery. Being an Honors class, we will focus heavily on grammar, composition, and conversation (Writing and Speaking) to achieve our goal of 80% mastery in all objectives

**Course of Study**

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| Unit | Topic | Duration |
| Pre-Unit | Review | 2 weeks |
| 1 | Daily Grind | 6 weeks |
| 2 | The Arts & Me | 6 weeks |
| 3 | Travel & Geography | 5 weeks |
| 4 | Education & Careers | 5 weeks |
| 5 | History, Current Events, & Religion | 8 weeks |
| 6 | Nature vs. Technology | 4 weeks |

\*tutoring available weekly Tuesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm or otherwise upon request\*

**Class Expectations**

1. Students will come to class ON TIME and PREPARED each day.
   1. Writing utensil, notebook, homework, assignments, etc.
   2. Students MUST present a signed pass from a school official if tardy.
2. Maintain a positive and productive attitude in the classroom.
   1. Active participation in ALL classroom activities. All activities are geared towards practice and proficiency (No cell phones unless expressly stated by the teacher.)
   2. Completion of ALL assignments, classwork, homework, etc.
   3. Learning a language can be challenging, but as long as we are positive and supportive of one another we can achieve great things!
3. Be respectful of ALL adults and each other.
   1. We are all here to learn and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. It is a hindrance to the challenging work we are doing.
4. ¡En Español, por favor!

**Grading & Evaluations**

The Richmond County School System grading scale is as follows:

**A** 90-100

**B** 80 – 89

**C** 75 – 79

**D** 70 – 74

**F** 69 and below

Quarter 1: 20%

Quarter 2: 20%

Quarter 3: 20%

Quarter 4: 20%

Final Exam: 20%

Late work is accepted; however, students will lose a letter grade each day an assignment is late. After four days, AN ASSIGNMENT MAY NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED. Students are responsible for arranging make-up assignments upon their return to school.

We will be using the following percentages to weights assignments:

Tests/Projects: 40%

Tests - 100 pts

Projects – 100 pts

Classwork/Homework: 30%

Classwork – 30 pts

Homework – 10 pts

Quizzes/Performance Assessments: 30%

Quizzes – 50 pts

Performance Assessments – 25 pts

Students are evaluated based upon five areas of proficiency:

1. Listening
2. Reading
3. Writing\*
4. Speaking\*
5. Grammar

*\*Speaking and Writing graded using the PALs Level 3 Analytic Rubric*

**Retests and Retakes**

For failed quiz or test, students have an opportunity to retake the assessment. Students must: Write a formal request to retake the assessment, turn in the request with a signed and dated parent/guardian signature, attend at least one documented tutoring session with a World Language teacher, and arrange a time to retake the assignment for half the points lost. Students have 2 weeks from the time the assessment’s grade is posted to arrange and complete a retake.

**Tutoring and Teacher Communication**

Tuesday is a designated tutoring day for which I will be available until 4:30pm. Any other day may be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance to ensure availability.

The best way to contact me is either through the school e-mail address (daniege@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us) or via the remind.com application. Any communication before 9pm can expect a same day response. Otherwise please allow for a response within 24 hours. Students may also utilize the Google Voice number (762-585-4840) to send messages for a quick response.

Students, parents and guardians, I encourage you all to join the remind groups as this will be the main way I send out communication about upcoming assessments and due dates for the class.

Remind codes by class:

2nd - @3k69k

5th - @k6abk8

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| Guardian Name: | Guardian Signature: |
| Guardian 2 Name: | Guardian 2 Signature: |
| Student Name: | Student Signature: |
| Guardian Contact phone number: | Guardian Contact e-mail: |