**ESPAÑOL 4** **2024-2025**

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**Textbook:** *Entre Culturas*

**¡Bienvenidos a Español 4!**

You have spent 3 years learning about Spanish grammar and vocabulary, it is time now to put all that into practice! Spanish 4 is a course designed to increase your proficiency through an intense

approach to the study and assessment of listening, reading, speaking and writing skills.

You will be exposed to more sophisticated vocabulary and more complex grammatical

structures. Reading and writing assignments are more challenging as they include more

authentic literature and essays. Cultural knowledge plays a pivotal role in this course

through the integrated and thematic study of art, history, film, literature, and music. The

focus of this course is student-centered and the activities and assessments are

performance-based and well aligned with The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

Standards (ACTFL). You will also be expected to incorporate modern technology by utilizing

a variety of tools such as canvas, and multimedia.

You will understand the importance of becoming members of a diverse and increasingly global society. Through cultural study, virtual field trips, and technology you will have the opportunity to see and interact with the culture of the target language.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, as we become more confident Spanish speakers! You will be expected to actively participate EVERY DAY, raise your hand, ask and answer questions, SPEAK in Spanish, etc. If at any time you find yourself having trouble, POR FAVOR, talk to me about it!! The faster you get help, the easier it will be to get you back on track!

Homework will be assigned every night except Friday to reinforce what we do in class. If you do not do your homework, it will be very difficult to succeed. Not only will it affect your homework grade, but also you will find yourself falling behind very quickly.

**Course Objectives**

After completing Spanish 4 you will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to comprehend not only the instructor but also a

variety of native speakers as heard on tapes, in music, in film and

television, and in person.

2. Demonstrate the ability to speak with a greater degree proficiency as

measured by fluency, accuracy, complexity and spontaneity.

3. Demonstrate the ability to tell a series of stories and jokes from beginning

to end.

4. Recite poetry from major poets such as Federico García Lorca, Miguel

Hernandez, Antonio Machado and Pablo Neruda .

5. Read poetry, short stories and excerpts from novels with a greater degree

of comprehension.

6. Demonstrate a deeper awareness of historical, literary, artistic and

contemporary highlights of Spanish culture as measured by class

discussions and written assignments such as compositions and essays.

7. Utilize modern technology to enhance language acquisition as measured

by the use of such tools as power point, google slide, prezi,

internet research and multimedia presentations.

9. Make interdisciplinary connections.

**CLASSROOM POLICIES**

Your grade in this class will be determined through a variety of activities meant to assess your ability to speak, read, write and listen in the Spanish language.

**Your grade is based on the following:**

* *HOMEWORK & BELL WORK (Daily assessment)*
* *DAILY ASSIGNMENTS (Daily assessment)*
* *QUIZZES* (Minor assessment)
* *UNIT EXAMS* and *PROJECTS* (Major assessment)
* *PARTICIPATION:* (MUY IMPORTANTE) (Minor assessment)
  + Active participation means coming prepared to class, arriving on time (paying attention, volunteering, asking questions when you are confused, and of course, speaking in SPANISH!
  + There will be formal grading in this area (Such as skits, conversations, etc.) and informal observations on my part.
  + This year you will often work with a partner or in small groups. It is very important that you do your share of the work and actively speak in Spanish during activities. You will learn best by all doing your part.

**Grading System:**

**The following are the categories for grades in Spanish 4 class:**

**Daily Work: …………………………………….…15%**

**Minor Assessments …….……………………… 20%**

**Major Assessments..……… …………………… 45%**

**Final Asessement………………………………….20%**

**100%**

**This course includes a cumulative exam at the end of each semester:**

**\***If you are absent you will have two weeks to make up any work that you missed. If you do not make up the work within two weeks, your grade for that assignment will become a ZERO. It is your responsibility to check Infinite Campus to find out what you have missed and to arrange a time to meet with me for individual instruction

**Supplies**

* **3 Ring Binder**
* **Loose Leaf Paper**
* **2 composition notebooks**
* **Enough pencils or pens to last you the entire school year**

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

* Please be aware that there will often be many different activities/assignments occurring in our classroom at the same time. This is ok! We all learn differently and my job is to help you all be successful.
* The most important thing to me is that our classroom is a safe, friendly place to be. So my expectation is that everyone is kind to each other and respects not only me, but one another as well. My goal is that you all feel comfortable participating in class and that you can enjoy learning in our classroom. If you have a problem, please come see me or talk to me privately, before or after class so we can work out a solution.
* PLEASE try hard to work with me if you are having difficulties in my classroom. Feel free to come talk to me during my planning period or after school.

**Extra Help/Make up Work**

* My tutoring days are Mondays from 3:15- 4:15; However, I will be available after school every day except for scheduled faculty meeting days. If you would like extra-help or need to make up a quiz or exam please see me to schedule a time to meet.

**Canvas**

**To encourage blended learning, online assignments will be posted weekly through Canvas. Students should be familiar with how to navigate the online platform, communicate with their teacher, and submit assignments on time.**

**Internet Resources**

* Studyspanish.com
* <http://www>.conjuguemos.com/
* Quizlet.com
* <https://apspanlang.com/resources/>
* <https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/>
* <https://www.bbc.com/mundo>
* <https://radioambulante.org/en>
* https://www.notesinspanish.com/

**NO CELL PHONE USE IS ALLOWED! It will be confiscated and turned into the front office!**

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