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8th Grade Spanish

**Overview**

The goal of this course is to increase proficiency in Spanish in the areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing by creating a learning environment that encourages risk taking and active engagement. The 8th Grade Spanish course is the final course in a three year sequence that is equivalent to the Spanish Level 1 course in the Upper School. Students who successfully complete the sequence will take the Spanish Level 2 course when they enter the Upper School. **The grades that students earn for the 8th Grade Spanish course will appear on their high school transcripts.**

**Upper School Placement**

Students wishing to be placed in the Spanish Level 2 Honors course in the Upper School will take the National Spanish Exam in March. Requirements for placement in the Spanish Level 2 Honors course include: minimum ranking of 70th percentile for the National Spanish Exam, a final grade of A for the course, and demonstration of academic maturity.

**Academic Integrity**

* In keeping with the academic honesty policy, the work that any student brings to class should be his or her own, irrespective of whether it is being collected or graded.
* Online dictionaries are acceptable; however, online translators are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

**Materials**

Students should bring the following materials to class everyday:

* Plan Book
* School issued Chromebook (in the interest of equality, use of personal laptops during class will only be allowed under special circumstances and with teacher permission)
* Composition notebook
* Pen or pencil

**Assessments**

Assessments will include short grammar quizzes, integrated performance assessments, projects, presentations, writing assignments, interviews, role-plays, skits, listening activities, and online activities.

* ***Final exam will count as 15% of the student’s grade for the year***

**Homework**

Homework will be assigned nightly and will afford students the opportunity to practice the skills presented during class and increase their exposure to the Spanish language.

**Absence Policy**

Homework will be posted to the homework website on a daily basis and most handouts will be posted to the class page on google classroom. It is the **student’s responsibility** to check the homework website and to hand in make-up work in a timely manner.

**Extra Help-** Daily at 11:15 and by appointment 7:45-8:00 and 3:25-3:45