



Mountain Range High School
Class Expectations
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Office Hours: Periods 3, 5, & 8 Before and After school.

Necessary Materials: *(All of these materials are required in class each day)*

Mountain Range ID

3 Ring Binder w/ 2 dividers (to be used for Spanish ONLY)

Dark Blue or Black ink pens OR pencils (Homework and assessments may not be completed in red)

Red pens

Grading Policies:

Course Grading Weights	
Interpersonal Assessments	25%
Interpretive Assessments	25%
Presentational Assessments	25%
Grammar/Vocabulary	15%
Practice	10%

Types of Assessments:

Tests: A summative test for each grading category will be administered toward the end of each unit or chapter (approximately every 2-3 weeks). The tests will measure all the content covered during that unit or chapter. The format of tests will vary, but can include selected response, constructed response and performance tasks.

Common Course Assessments: Common course assessments are tests created by all World Language teachers working collaboratively and are administered to all students taking the same course. Common course assessments will measure either a single unit or multiple units. The format of common course assessments will vary, but can include selected response, constructed response and performance tasks.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be administered frequently during the course of each chapter, often as frequently as one or two per week. Quizzes will measure only the content previously covered in that unit after sufficient practice has occurred. The format of quizzes will vary, but can include selected response, constructed response and performance tasks.

Student Expectations and Responsibilities:

- ✓ **RESPECT!!!!** The number one rule in this class is respect!! Follow all of the school rules in this class. Please be attentive and courteous to anyone that is speaking in class.
- ✓ **Homework/Assignments:** Spanish is a high-level, fast-paced course. Success in this class requires DAILY PRACTICE in class *as well as* at home! Homework should be expected every day and all students will need to spend 10-20 minutes studying vocabulary every evening in order to be prepared for tests and quizzes (after completing the homework assignment for the night). Generally homework assignments will be turned in the day after they were assigned. Summative assessments will be given at the end of each chapter. Each chapter will generally take about 2-3 weeks. Students are encouraged to be engaged and motivated in the completion of their assignments. It is imperative that homework is completed with diligence. Your grade is correlated with the effort you put into your homework and assignments.
- ✓ **Late work:** Late work will be accepted within the span of the chapter for 100% with a late pass. After the chapter test has been given late work will no longer be accepted for that chapter.
- ✓ **Attendance:** It is vital that students are in class and actively participating each day. Frequent absences often result in lack of comprehension in the class. In the case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to get the make-up work and to seek help from the instructor when necessary. (1) There will be an absent folder in the classroom where students can make up the Empecemos and collect any assignments; students can also collect the assignments from the class website. (2) Work and/or tests given during an unexcused absence will receive a zero. (3) *To excuse an absence, a parent or guardian must call the attendance office **within 48 hours** of the absence.*
- ✓ **Tardy Policy:** Students are expected to be in their seat and working when the bell rings. Arriving late is not acceptable. Every third tardy will result in a detention during the student's off hour. After 3 detentions (9 Tardies) a referral to the dean will be written. Missing a detention will result in 2 detentions. Missing both detentions will result in a referral to the dean.
- ✓ **Electronic Devices are allowed on limited basis only!** Items being used inappropriately will be confiscated and turned over to the Dean's office where students must pick them up at the end of the school day.
- ✓ **Progress Reports:** Grades will be updated weekly. Please keep track of your grade in this class. If you notice a significant drop in your grade, be sure to see me about what to do to get the grade back up. Grades can be accessed through the student or parent portal on Infinite Campus. You can reach the Infinite Campus link through the Mountain Range webpage or through the class webpage. Students will also receive a printed upgraded grade report every Thursday.
- ✓ **Extra Help:** I am available to help any day before school, during my office hours, after school and during Access periods. I encourage any questions or concerns. Peer tutors are also available. Remember, this is a fast-paced class and any struggles will continue to grow if not addressed; therefore, it is imperative that you come in as soon as there is a problem.
- ✓ **Test Corrections/Retakes:** Students have the option to retake or make corrections on **every assessment**. The practice assignment that is paired with the assessment must be turned in and satisfactory before corrections or retakes can be done. Every assessment has a two week period to make corrections or retake. The higher grade on retakes/corrections will always be entered in the gradebook.