

**Spanish I**  
**Fall 2017, room 427**  
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**Required materials (to be brought to class every day):**

1. Notebook – a 3-ring binder with pockets - your notebook will become your textbook.
2. Pen (no red ink or fluorescent colors) and a pencil (pencil should be used for tests)
3. Use of [www.quia.com](http://www.quia.com) and [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com); *Buen Viaje I; Buen Viaje Workbook*

**Other suggested materials:**

1. Index cards of any size for making vocabulary flashcards
2. A highlighter or markers

**Grading:**

Breakdown of grades:

1. Participation / homework / classwork / quizzes = 40%
2. Tests / projects = 60%
3. Final exam = 20% (of semester average)

\*Extra credit will be assigned throughout the grading period in the form of games and puzzles. No other extra credit work will be given.

\*\*Cheating will result in a grade of zero for both parties involved. Cheating is unacceptable behavior under any circumstance. Copying another person's homework, quiz or test are all examples of cheating. Please keep your papers covered and don't help someone cheat! Using a cell phone (without permission) while working on an assignment is also cheating, as is using an online translator. Having a native Spanish-speaker translate something for you is also cheating.

\*\*\*Plagiarism will get a grade of one. One rewrite will be allowed for a max grade of 70 on the first offense. No other rewrites after the first offense.

**Final exam exemption:** see school policy. Exemption is based on attendance and class average.

**Class rules and procedures:**

1. Be polite and respect others **and** their belongings.
2. Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings.
3. Bring your binder and a writing utensil to class **every** day.
4. Go to your locker, the bathroom, and the pencil sharpener **before** class begins.
5. Spanish class is for Spanish work. You can do work for another class only after we've finished our Spanish lessons for the day.
6. Stay awake during class – you can sleep at home.
7. Work is due when I ask for it. **No late daily work will be accepted. A late project will receive a maximum grade of 70 then 10 points off per day it is late.**
8. Food of any kind is strictly prohibited in my classroom. We have ants!
9. Disrespect will not be tolerated.
10. Cell phones are to be out of sight and turned off at all times during class. Students will put their phones in my numbered calendar bag at the beginning of class each day and can retrieve them once all work has been completed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option is to put the cell in your bookbag and store your bookbag under **my desk**. We must minimize distractions to enable everyone to be successful!
11. When in doubt about anything, ask.

**Make up policy:**

Foreign language follows board policy for makeup work. It is **your** responsibility to find out about missed assignments if you are absent. You have **5** days to make up a test or quiz. Test make-ups are after school. Please speak to me ahead of time if alternate arrangements need to be made. Make up tests will **not** be administered during class time.

\*If a test/quiz is scheduled before your absence, you must take that test/quiz with the class as scheduled upon your return.

**Course outline: Performance Standards can be found at [GeorgiaStandards.org](http://GeorgiaStandards.org)**

1. Introduction to class	<b>1 – 2 weeks</b>
The following vocabulary will be started and continued throughout the course: Commands, numbers, colors, days, months, dates, and basic vocabulary.	
2. Basic verbs: <u>ser</u> , <u>estar</u> , <u>ser vs. estar</u>	<b>2 ½ weeks</b>
Subject pronouns; articles; gender of nouns and adjectives	
3. Spanish-speaking countries, capitals and nationalities	<b>1 week</b>
4. Time, <u>tener (que)</u> , <u>ir (a)</u> , infinitives, expressions, <u>gustar/encantar</u>	<b>3 – 4 weeks</b>
5. Present tense regular verbs, weather terms	<b>2 weeks</b>
6. Possessive adjectives, family terms, beginning of irregular verbs	<b>2 weeks</b>
7. Personal “a”, professions, interrogatives	<b>1 week</b>
8. Present progressive tense	<b>1 week</b>
9. Stem-changing verbs, sports terms	<b>2 weeks</b>
10. Semester review and final exam	<b>1 week</b>

**Note:** The syllabus is subject to change at any time. The order of topics may alternate also.

**Passes:**

You will be given two passes per grading period to use at your discretion. Use them wisely. Taking more than your allotted passes will affect your participation grade. Also, you must have your passes with you in order to leave class for any reason. I will not stop class to write passes.

**I've read the syllabus and understand that I'm responsible for myself and my own work in Mrs. Russo's class. I also understand this is an academic class and studying at home is necessary. I am aware I do not need this class unless I plan to attend a 4-year college.**

**Student signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's name (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_

