

Bienvenidos/Bienvenus!

I hope you have all had a very relaxing summer. As we start off another school year, there are some policies that we are all going to be expected to follow in order to make our class a safe and productive environment for all.

~General Expectations and Policies~

Respect: *Treat others as you would want to be treated. ~Proverb*

Respect your teacher, your fellow classmates, and your school.

- Do your own work and take credit for it.
- Clean up after yourself- keep the room & school clean.
- Be mindful of others' feelings and belongings.

Bullying: We all make mistakes (especially me). Although mistakes are unavoidable in life, it is important that we learn and move on from them. To ensure that our classroom remains a safe environment, there is a strict anti-bullying policy in my class.

Consequences may include: removal from class, phone calls home, assigned 10th period, and write-ups.

Cheating: There are several forms of cheating in a language class. The consequences are: no credit, 10th period, and write-ups.

- Copying answers during a quiz or test.
- Talking during a quiz or test.
- Copying another student's homework.
- ABUSING TRANSLATORS like Google Translate**

Grading: Here is the grading policy for this year:

- 40% for quizzes, tests, and projects
- 25% for participation/in-class activities
- 25% for Vocabtío/Vocabmec (up to 110 pts.)
- 10% for homework assignments

HW: Assignments are due on the day specified.

- Vocabtíos/Vocabmecs
- Additional practices or activities in the textbook
- Finishing an activity given in class.
- Studying for a quiz or test.

Late Policy: Late homework and projects are subject to the following:

- 10% reduction for the 1st day late (start with a 90%).
- 15% reduction for the 2nd day late (start with an 85%).
- 20% reduction for the 3rd day late (start with an 80%).

If the assignment is reviewed in class, student may complete for a **maximum of half credit**

**The maximum late penalty on an assignment is 20%.
Some points on HOMEWORK can be recovered via a Schepeszuro.
Late points on projects CANNOT be recovered**

Websites: <http://www.mrschepisi.com> (Powerpoints/Notes/HW)
<http://www.haldaneschool.org> (Powerschool for grades)
<http://www.wordreference.com> (Online dictionary)

Powerschool and Google Classroom will be updated regularly.

Students are expected to check the sites daily to verify HW and grades

Absences: Student has 3 DAYS to complete work including quizzes/tests.

Absent students are expected to do the following

- 1) Access Google Classroom to see what was missed.
- 2) Phone a reliable classmate for clarification.
- 3) Access the class website for copies.
- 4) Access the extras bin in the classroom for copies.
- 5) Come to 10th period or HEART for help if needed.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING UP OWED WORK

WORK SUBMISSION POLICY

Please reference the following expectations when completing assignments.

The submission **MUST**

1) Have the following heading.

Student Name
Date

Class Period
Page # (if applicable)

2) Be complete according to instructions (for example- Vocabtío/Vocabmec).

3) Be typed or neatly written (if illegible, it will NOT be graded).

- a. No cross-outs or harsh erasure marks
- b. If typed, accent codes must be used (not written in after printing)
- c. If hand-written, pencil or blue/black ink **ONLY**

4) Free of snerdly-bits (the frilled edges of a page torn from a notebook).

5) **DOUBLE-SPACED** (for ease of providing suggestions for improvement).

If an assignment is not turned in when collected (i.e. at the start of class), it is **late** and a penalty will be applied according to the class policy.

~Specialized Policies and Programs~

Tardiness: Lateness is a form of disrespect. Students will arrive on time.

Shiny Objects: Electronic devices are generally not permitted in class.

Devices may be used to aid in the class activity at hand.
Any activities unrelated to the class activity are not allowed.

Schepeezuros: A Schepeezuro is a currency used in class that can be used to

- Make corrections to quizzes for half credit or a 70%.
- Recover a max of one-day of late penalty on HOMEWORK.

Ways of earning Schepeezuros:

- Given in class for various reasons.
- Earn an > 80% on quizzes/tests (receive in 10th period).
- Coming **voluntarily** after school for additional review.

Vocabtío: Students will be assigned this activity to assist with vocab.

Vocabmec: It will be assigned for each new vocabulary list covered.

There is a variety of activities that target different learning styles & each is worth a set amount of points.

Students may completed up to **110 points** of activities.

Extra credit is earned if assignment is accurate and submitted on time

It is my goal to have a very successful year with your child. The purpose of these policies is to create a classroom environment that promotes learning and fosters respect for all. Thank you!

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~Materials for Class~

**Please note the following items and be prepared by bringing them everyday.
Participation grades may be earned for coming to class prepared.**

- 3-ring binder (there is a hole-punch in the room if needed)
- 1 subject notebook used just for this class
- Access to PowerSchool/E-chalk (see guidance)
- Pocket folder used just for this class
- Looseleaf paper
- Pens (blue/black ink)
- Textbook (if provided)

Parent/Guardian Contact Form

Parents and Guardians: Please review these expectations and policies with your child. By signing below, you and your child are acknowledging that you have reviewed and understood the expectations and policies that will be in place for this year in my class.

The information that you provided below will help maintain open communication.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY.

Please only provide names/numbers/emails that I can use to contact you.

Name of Student _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Preferred # _____ Alternate # _____

Email Address _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Preferred # _____ Alternate # _____

Email Address _____

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read and understand these expectations and policies.

(parent/guardian signature)

(student signature)

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Financial Responsibility Regarding Using Electronic Devices to Access the Internet for Class

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we continue into the 21st century, cell phones and other web-enabled devices are becoming popular and powerful tools in the classroom. At certain points in the year your child may have the opportunity to use him/her personal electronic device(s) to participate in class and to communicate with me when a computer is not accessible. Whereas a WiFi connection is often available on the campus, it is important to note that your child's device may, at times, incur data charges (depending on the device's plan) if the WiFi connection is not available. Please note that an alternative will be made available to all students so that data charges can be avoided.

Please note that should your child choose to use his/her personal data allotment for class that neither the teacher nor the school will assume financial responsibility for any charges that are billed to the device. Please discuss this with your child and ensure that he/she is aware of the data plan that his/her device has.

By signing below you are acknowledging that you have reviewed this policy with your child and understand that any data charges incurred are the responsibility of the owner of the device. Please note that I **will never** require a student to use his/her data plan to complete an assignment for class.

I have read this policy concerning data charges and have reviewed it with my child.

(parent/guardian signature)

(student signature)