***Spanish 1 course***

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Somerset College Preparatory Academy

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*The goal of this course is to offer an opportunity for the students to acquire basic skills in Spanish by exposing them to the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.*

***Classroom Expectations***

The goal is to ensure a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment for the students that will prepare them for a successful future. All students have the right to an education without interruption, distraction, fear, and/or disturbance from their peers. Students are expected to behave properly at all times while at school. SCPA is a school which encourages students to make positive choices.

These are the main classroom rules:

- Students must follow directions from the teacher at all times.

- Students must be respectful to the teacher and to their classmates at all times.

- No food or drink is allowed in the classroom.

- Electronic devices are allowed, but only for instructional activities related to this course, not for entertainment purposes, or for access to social media during class. Please, be aware that phones or electronic devices are a must in this class. We do multiple digital educational activities daily that carry a grade in Spanish 1. Students are allowed to use their phones only during those particular activities, and then they must put their devices away at the conclusion of such activity. If a student is caught using the device after the activity has concluded, then disciplinary action will follow in the following manner:

. First time: A verbal warning to alert the student.

. Second time: An official warning, entered by the teacher in the computer and logged in the system, as part of the disciplinary school record. (Parents and school administrators will be automatically notified)

. Third time: An official detention will be issued to the student to be served after school.

. Fourth time: A Saturday detention will be issued.

. Any other electronic policy violation after this point will be referred to the discipline Dean for further disciplinary action that will carry more severe consequences.

Hopefully, all students will comply with the above rules for using electronic devices in this class and none of the above disciplinary actions will be necessary.

Other important rules:

- Students must remain seated until they are officially dismissed by the teacher, not by the bell. Students standing, or making a line by the door while waiting for the final bell, will be processed for discipline violation following the same steps mentioned above.

- Students must organize their desks before leaving for their next class. They must push their chairs in and collect any items that might be on the floor around their desks. (All of the above disciplinary actions will apply here as well)

***Grading***

All grades entered in the grade book will be divided into four main categories:

Class work: This category includes all written and oral activities we do in class daily. For example, taking notes from the board and completing written exercises, active oral participation, going to the board to provide an answer, etc. This category carries the bulk of the student’s grade (40%), and it will be reflected in Skyward weekly under the column “Classwork” (Oral participation).

Participation: This category is different from the one above. It refers to all four digital educational games: Quizizz, Gimkit, Kahoot and Blooket that students do daily in class. This category carries 10% of the grade, and it will be reflected in Skyward under the columns “Quizizz, and Kahoot” (Digital participation). Please, be aware that the student’s results from Gimkit will affect the overall daily results for Quizizz, and the results from Blooket will in turn affect the results for Kahoot. It is strongly recommended that students participate, and do their best, in all four digital educational games mentioned above on a daily basis. Otherwise, one low grade, or no participation, in one particular game will impact the results of the others in a negative way.

Quiz: This category includes digital Quiz assessments like Quizlet Tests, or Quia digital matching activities. This category carries 20% of the grade. Quizzes will be consistently given throughout the Quarter. Typically, there will be one or more per week and they will be submitted electronically via email to the teacher, as evidence of work, when requested by the teacher. This category will be reflected in Skyward under the column “Quiz”.

The final category will be *Test.* Thiswill include a final exam and a class project, either at the end of the Quarter, or at the end of this course. This category will represent 30% of the grade.

***Class work / Participation Policy***

Class work and participation are essential to be successful in this class. It is important for the student to be proactive and take all daily assignments seriously, take notes during class, and raise the hand to voluntarily participate orally in class, or go to the board, at least once a week. ***No credit will be given under this category if there is no record of oral participation from the student at the end of the week.***

***Homework policy***

All assignments the teacher requests as evidence of work (homework) should be submitted electronically in a timely fashion. Homework is typically assigned during class on Fridays, and students have until midnight (approximately 8 hours after the school day is over) to submit it. Homework is just a simple picture of one or two activities, either written or digital, that students have already completed with the teacher in class during the course of any given week. It literally takes less than five minutes to locate the activity the teacher is requesting as evidence of work, take a picture, and send to the teacher via email. The established deadline to submit the homework (evidence of work) by midnight on Fridays is very generous, considering all of the above. ***No credit will be given if the established deadline is not met by the student, unless there is a valid excuse provided by the parent to the teacher via email. All deadlines will be strictly enforced.***

\*There will be two “Homework” columns created in Skyward weekly to post the grades after the students submit their evidence of work for the week. One of the homework columns will reflect the grades from the written assignments, or class notes (40% grade weight), and the other homework column will display the grades from the weekly digital Quiz (20% grade weight). It is imperative that students submit their Homework assignments, as explained above, in a timely fashion to maintain their GPA in good standing in this class.

***Supplies for this course***

All students should be prepared for class every day. They should bring their own basic supplies for this course. A pencil or pen, and a notebook or writing pad are mandatory. All other typical classroom supplies are optional. Also, very important again, electronic devices, including cell phones, tablets or laptops are a MUST in my class for the educational activities that we play daily. There is a grade attached to such activities that will be factored into the student’s GPA in this class.

***Parent Access to Student Grades: Skyward***

* It is the responsibility of both students and parents to monitor progress on Skyward. Parents are encouraged to use the electronic grade book software (SKYWARD) to monitor their child’s academic performance and progression. SKYWARD is accessible through the school website: www.somersetcollegeprep.org . Parents and students can view grades, class schedules, attendance records, discipline reports, activity announcements and notes there. This is an excellent tool to keep the parents up to date on their child’s day -to-day progress.

***Tutoring***

There is no specific schedule for tutoring in Spanish 1. However, it will be available by student request only.

Thank you in advance for following through on all the expectations and policies presented here. We are going to have a wonderful school year!