

Mr. Toyn's Spanish 1 Class Disclosure

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Class Description

The objectives for this Spanish 1 class are to develop, reinforce, and refine communicative competence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills using the Spanish language. Cultural awareness and knowledge will also be developed and explored. Our goals focus on learning new vocabulary, improving grammar skills, opportunities to gain confidence when speaking Spanish, communicating in Spanish, and understanding authored Spanish writings.

How to Succeed

To be successful in this class, students will be expected to come prepared and ready to learn each day. Being prepared for class includes bringing a chromebook computer and charger, a pencil, and paper ready to use in class. Students are expected to enter the classroom and be seated at their desk when the bell rings. Students may be asked to lead discussions, ask and answer questions, or participate with groups or partners. Students, please ask questions when clarification is needed.

Classroom Behavior

Good student behavior is expected and should be demonstrated each day. This good behavior includes not speaking out of turn, cleaning up the student area, and making up any missing assignments. Consequences for making bad choices in the classroom may include, but not limited to; changing desks, spending time in another teacher's classroom, parent contact, and/or referral to administration. Having respect for yourself, your peers, and the teacher are very important.

Homework and Assessments

Daily assignments will be given which reinforce the day's instruction this includes class participation. Time will be given in class to complete the assignments. Assignments not finished with time allotted will be homework for that evening. Quizzes will be given at random times and are a valuable tool to use when monitoring proficiency. The quiz will be graded and used to prepare for assessments. A monthly assessment will be administered which will test the students listening, speaking, reading, and writing capabilities with the Spanish language.

<u>Canvas</u>

Mr. Toyn will update canvas as often as possible during the week with information on what was done in class. If you were absent and missed class you will need to check canvas and find out what you missed. An assignment will be listed and needs to be completed. If an in class assignment or participation points were missed the assignment on canvas needs to be done to receive credit. Any assignment missed because of an absence will be due the day you return. If it is not turned in the late policy will be applied. Please do not come to me and ask what we did without first checking the canvas. If you have any questions or concerns please meet with me and we will work together to figure it out.

<u>Grades</u>

A standard based grading system will be used each quarter of the school year. Students will have multiple opportunities to showcase their understanding and mastery of concepts. This includes weekly classroom participation points on a 1–5 grading scale. For example, a student asks questions, does not cause disruptions, and helps their peers when asked would receive 5 points for that week. **Students will be allowed to redo any assignment/quiz/test up to 1 week before the term ends.** If a student decides to improve a score the original copy of an assignment and the reworked assignment must both be submitted to the teacher.

Late assignments will be accepted up to one week from the original assignment due date and will receive a 25% deduction. If no assignment is turned in during the 1 week grace period the assignment will stay at a ZERO. If any student took a ZERO score on an assignment and wants to improve the score up to 75%, an appointment must be made with the teacher to discuss the situation. Late tests will not be given a deduction and will need to be made up 1 week before the quarter ends. If a test happens to land within the 1 week before the quarter ends we will work together to get it taken care of. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule a date and time with the teacher before school, after school, or in advisory to make-up any assignments, quizzes, or tests.

Grading Criteria

А	96%-100%	С	73%-76%	Р	Passing
A-	90%-95%	C-	70%-72%	Ι	Incomplete
B+	87%-89%	$\mathrm{D}+$	67%-69%		
В	83%-86%	D	63%-66%		
B-	80%-82%	D-	60%-62%		
C+	77%-79%	F	59%-Below		

Grades will be determined from performance in these areas:

Classroom Participation - 30% Test and Quizzes - 50% Assignments - 20%

Communication

The best way for communication with Mr. Toyn is through my email, bltoyn@wsd.net. Please allow 24 hours for a response during the school week. I will answer any emails sent after school hours on a Friday the next school day.

Cell Phones and Electronic

Students will use a chromebook computer in class. The use of cell phones and airpods will not be allowed in the classroom. No exceptions.

Cheating

Students will be held to a high standard at all times. Cheating on tests or quizzes will result in an automatic ZERO score and a drop in the citizenship grade.

Dress Code

The Weber School District dress code will be followed in the classroom.

<u>Media Disclosure</u>

Spanish is a language which stems from a rich culture. It may occasionally be prudent to show video clips or films of educational merit that are of a G/PG.