

## Español

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### Course description

This course, following the textbook sequence *¡Avencemos!*, aims to improve students' ability to read, write, speak, and comprehend the Spanish language. Students will also learn about the culture and history of several Spanish-speaking countries. Completing homework and being a good participant will be the best way for students to keep up with the class.

### Supplies

- Black and red pens (Always have at least one spare of each at school)
- Whiteboard markers (6 whiteboard markers should last you the entire year)
- Scrap of cloth to use as a whiteboard eraser (a clean old sock works great)
- Binder full of binder paper and with dividers: bell work, vocabulary, grammar, verbs, and handouts
- If you do not have the materials for the day, ask to borrow *BEFORE* class.
- You are assigned a textbook to use during class. It is your responsibility to keep the book in excellent condition.

### Grade breakdown

Good scholarship (Participation)	30%
Tests	30%
Quizzes and class presentations	20%
Homework	20%

### Class Participation

#### What good class participation is:

- Bringing required material to class
- Frequent and relevant participation
- Being prepared for class
- Being engaged in every class activity
- Staying on task without disrupting others
- Showing interest and respect for other's contributions

#### What good class participation is not:

- Simply raising your hand without a competent or relevant answer
- Interjecting in class to be "seen" or "counted"
- Talking incessantly, rambling, or making tangential comments

What diminishes one's class participation grade?:

- Speaking in class when inappropriate
- Coming to class ill-prepared
- Being disrespectful
- Teasing or belittling other students; discouraging others to participate
- Refusing to take notes
- Failing to complete the required homework and/or studying and therefore being a detriment to the class

\*Warning: protect your daily participation points!!

**Homework**

Homework will be given daily. Homework will either be graded in class, or the students will have a homework quiz on the material.

**Tests**

The exam portion of the grade includes Unit exams and final exams.

**Quizzes, and class presentations**

Quizzes cover the first lessons from each unit in the textbook. Quizzes may be announced beforehand, or they may not be. Students can expect to have to present in class.

**Missing work**

If you miss a day of class, you are *still responsible* for the homework. Homework assignments will be posted on the class website. If you miss a Monday or Tuesday, you must turn in any work that was due by the end of the week (Friday). If you are absent on the Wednesday block, Thursday block, or Friday, the assignment is due the following Monday. Please communicate with Sra. Dressel if you need help with something you missed.

Mandatory tutoring will be assigned to a student who does not turn in his/her homework and students whose weekly homework score drops below a 50%. Failure to attend mandatory tutoring will result in a detention. For every additional missing assignment, the student will receive academic detention in Sra. Dressel's classroom to complete the missing work. Sra. Dressel reserves the right to make exceptions for extenuating circumstances.

\* If a student is absent on the day of an exam, and his/her parent does not send an email to Sra. Dressel, that student is subject to taking a longer or more difficult exam. Please have your parent email Sra. Dressel with some explanation as to your absence on the day of an exam.

## Class policies and procedures

1. Enter the class in an orderly fashion
  - Unpack your backpack at your desk, hang your backpack up at the back of the room, grab your textbook, and begin working immediately on the bell work. If you are not in your seat when the bell rings you will be marked tardy and you will lose participation points. .
  - Begin working on the bellwork immediately and **silently**.
2. Respect your classmates
  - The only person you can laugh at is yourself. Please do.
3. Respect the authority in the classroom.
  - Do not speak when Sra. Dressel is speaking nor while another student is addressing the class.
  - Always raise your hand before speaking, unless instructed otherwise.
4. Speak Spanish
  - You are expected to speak only in Spanish in class unless granted permission or explicitly told to speak in English. Points will be deducted from your participation grade for speaking in English.
  - If speaking in English (without permission) becomes a chronic problem, or if you consistently disrupt the class with outbursts, you will receive after-school detention and further methods may need to be taken.
  - “¿Señora, permiso para hablar en ingles?”
5. Do not leave the room or get up out of your seat
  - If you need to use the restroom, indicate to Sra. Dressel and she will give permission. Sometimes you will not be granted permission... for example, if we are about to work in groups, or if you just got back from lunch. If it is an emergency, run.
6. Keep your binder organized.
  - For your sake and Sra. Dressel's.
7. Always complete quizzes and tests in pen.
  - Quizzes and tests done in pencil will earn a grade of “0”
8. Always use a red pen to correct graded work. As the corrector, always sign the homework that you grade.
9. No food or drink in class. Water is acceptable.
10. Do not start packing up until Sra. Dressel dismisses you.
  - *Push in your chair*, put your textbook on the shelf. Chat away.

## Academic Dishonesty

The act of cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- verbal or nonverbal communication during a quiz, exam, or other class evaluation indicated by the teacher
- looking at any materials during an exam that are not pre-approved
- copying homework answers
- speaking to other students in different hours about the existence of, content of, and nature of a quiz
- giving answers to other students in any form (verbal, written, etc)
- \* the use of Google translate for any written assignment

Academic dishonesty will be treated very seriously in this class. Any student caught cheating on a quiz, exam, or other in-class assessment will receive a 0 on the assignment and receive a detention. The following is taken out of the BFHS handbook:

*“Intentional plagiarism and cheating will be dealt with severely including a zero on the assignment, suspension, removal from extracurricular activities or leadership positions held in the school and, in the case of repeat offenders, expulsion.”*

## Discipline

You are here to enjoy learning, as are your fellow students. Think before you act. If you are preventing another student from learning or not following the behavior expectations outlined above, you will earn discipline actions in the following order:

- The first time I call it to your attention you will earn a **verbal warning**. (-1 Scholarship point)
- The second time I speak to you about it you will earn a **teacher directed consequence**. (-1 Scholarship point)
- The third time I have to speak to you will earn a **detention and call your parents**. (-1 Scholarship point)
- The fourth time you will be sent to the office to speak to the **principal**.

Thank you,  
Sra. Dressel