# Spanish I Honors—Basic Information & Expectations

**Oakland High School**

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Needed Supplies

1. Writing utensils—ONLY black or blue ink pens or pencils for assignments
2. 3 ring binder and loose leaf paper
3. Note cards (to make flashcards for vocabulary review throughout the entire year)
4. **Recommended** supply for home—Spanish/English Dictionary

**Student Expectations**

1. Be **respectful** of **everyone** and **everything**.
2. Be on **TIME!** On time means in the **room** and in **your seat** before time for class to begin.
3. You may not speak out unless called upon by the teacher. This avoids speaking over both the teacher and other students.
4. In regards to leaving class, there is a **15 minute rule**. You may not leave class within the first 15 minutes of class or during the last 15 minutes of class. NO EXCEPTIONS. Also you must ask to leave in Spanish (a handout will be provided to assist you with this).
5. No food, drinks, gum, or candy allowed in class. The only exception is water (which may be taken away if students leave water bottles in inappropriate places). The following consequences will result from breaking this rule. **Each time** the **item** will **be thrown away**…no questions asked! 1st offense-Verbal Warning, 2nd offense-Verbal Warning, 3rd offense- Parent Contact (administrative notification if rule is persistently broken).
6. Brushing of hair and putting on make-up, chap-stick, lip gloss, lipstick, etc. should not occur in any academic classroom (exception would be drama/acting/etc.). Take care of any grooming **before entering** my classroom. The following consequences will result from breaking this rule. 1st offense-Verbal Warning and item confiscated until the end of the school day, 2nd offense-Verbal Warning and item confiscated until the end of the week, 3rd offense-Parent Contact (administrative notification if rule is persistently broken).
7. My classroom is **not a basketball** **court**. If you shoot for the garbage can and miss, you will pay a quarter into our classroom recreational funds and/or you will vacuum the entire classroom floor. The aforementioned consequences also apply in cases of **“horse-playing”**.
8. No cell phones, iPods, iPads, smart watches, earbuds or other electronic devices allowed to be seen or used **in my classroom**. If I **see** or **hear** one, you will be written up and referred to your administrator. Please put them on silent and place your electronic devices either in your pockets or in your backpacks for the entirety of the class. This is **NONNEGOTIABLE**! The **ONLY** exception to this rule will be when we use cell phones and electronic devices for educational purposes (cultural projects, song lyrics, online surveys, REMIND notifications, etc.).
9. If an electronic device is seen/used on the day of an exam, you will receive an automatic grade of zero. No exceptions! This includes if your exam has been turned in or not.
10. **No hats/ no hoods!** I don’t want to see hats on your head, next to your desk, beside your desk, or anywhere stashed in the classroom. Also, don’t wear hoods indoors!
11. It is expected that all work you complete for this course is your own. You are expected to include appropriate citations (when applicable) in all of your work for this course. Do not use online translators! I can tell the difference between your work and that of an online translator.
12. If you are absent, **you are responsible** for getting your make up work. After you return from being absent, if you are missing a vocabulary/grammar handout, a picture of song lyrics, etc., you need to check the designated area of the classroom to get these things that you missed. If you are missing written notes, please copy from a classmate who you trust has taken great notes. Also, if you are missing a homework or formative assignment it is **due the first day you return**. **No exceptions.** Remember the **3 T-Rule**: Text, Talk, or Tweet (with parental permission). Feel free to reach out to your friends and they can help you get back on track in the event of your absence! Also assignments will be listed on my webpage for your convenience.
13. All papers must have a **full heading**. This means: first and last name, Spanish name (after Christmas), date, and class period. Papers without the proper heading will lose points (-5) for failing to follow directions.
14. All OHS and Rutherford County rules apply in my classroom.

**OHS World Language Department Grading Policy**

Grading scales will be set up as **60% Assessments & 40% Miscellaneous**   
o Assessments: Based on standards and objectives which include a variety of quizzes, tests, benchmarks, presentations, speaking assessments, major essays, and/or major projects.   
o Miscellaneous: Simple projects/assignments (songs, plays, model), notebook (portfolio, collection of articles, summary of news from Spanish speaking world, etc.) writing (poems, short essays, critiques), class work (class activities, worksheets), homework, and participation. Students will have opportunities to choose the method through which they demonstrate proficiency.  
\*Special Note  
Performing poorly on assessments can be a reason for a re-do per the teacher’s discretion. Teacher may also choose to assign extra credit as he wishes.

**-Homework Policy**10 pts later per day for unexcused absences up to 50% credit. HW will not be accepted after 5 consecutive school days (no matter if it is an even or odd block day or a straight seven class period day).   
**-Quiz and Test Retakes**Students may retake major tests that they fail. The teacher reserves the right to either average both grades or accept the higher of the two grades.·

**Miscellaneous**

If you are having difficulty in class or have any questions, please come talk with me or visit my webpage (listed above) for useful online resources. Some of these resources include the following websites: [www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com), [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com), [www.spaleon.com](http://www.spaleon.com), [www.avancemos.conjuguemos.com](http://www.avancemos.conjuguemos.com)