

Spanish 1A
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Course Description: Middle school Spanish in PYLUSD is the equivalent of high school Spanish 1 taken over a period of two years. Seventh grade students who complete Spanish 1A will continue their studies and take Spanish 1B next year as eighth graders. **Students with a C- or better in BOTH courses will receive credit for the full year of high school Spanish 1.** Spanish 1A is an introductory course designed to help students begin to develop fluency and proficiency in listening, in speaking, in reading, and in writing Spanish. Using Total Physical Response, Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling, and other strategies, students will address a wide variety of age and stage appropriate topics as they develop their ability to communicate effectively in the target language in real-world encounters. They will also begin to learn to control the many components of Spanish grammar. Students will explore various cultures of Hispanic people around the world; including a study of geography, history, cultural traditions, art, music and daily life. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to communicate about daily life in common settings, comprehend spoken Spanish, and begin to speak and write with fluency.

Textbook/Workbook:

Textbook:

Realidades 1

©2008, Pearson Prentice Hall. Authors: Peggy Palo Boyles, Myriam Met, Richard S. Sayers, and Carol Eubanks Wargin.

ISBN: 0-13-134091-3

Materials: Bring lined notebook paper, a pen or pencil, a Tuffree student agenda or personal planner, your completed homework, and a charged computer to class each day.

Classroom Rules and Procedures:

Be On Time

- Come to class and be ready to learn when the bell rings. The Tuffree MS school-wide attendance/tardy policies will be adhered to (see the [TMS Student Handbook](#)).
- If you are late to 1st period, go to the attendance window for a tardy slip. If you are late for periods 2-7, you must have a note from a staff member in order to be excused.
- Turn in assignments on time. Penalties will be assessed to late work (see policy below).

Be Prepared

- Bring all required materials to class (see above).
- Have your homework out and ready to be checked when the bell rings.
- Keep yourself organized. I do not require, but suggest that you use a 3-ring binder to keep your work in. Using your Tuffree student agenda or personal planner will help you to keep track of assignments and due dates.
- If you are absent, stop by the classroom, contact a friend, or [check the class web site](#) for daily assignments. I use the Remind app to post assignments to our website. To receive personal notifications from Remind, text @288ghd to 81010, or go to <https://www.remind.com/join/288ghd>. Optionally, you can sign up using the Remind app, available at the App Store or Google Play.

Respect Others/Others' Property

- Treat others, and others' property as you would like to be treated. Help make this classroom a safe, fun place to be in.
- You are responsible for the copy of the textbook at your desk. Take care of it. Advise the teacher of any new damage to it.
- Keep your language clean and appropriate.
- No food, gum, or candy may be consumed in class without teacher permission. You may have water at your desk in a container with a lid.
- No electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, cameras, videogame devices, etc.) may be turned on or taken out during instructional time unless told to do so by the teacher. If seen or heard they will be collected and taken to the office.
- Leave the classroom neat and clean.

Respect Yourself

- Abide by the student dress code (see the [Tuffree Student Handbook](#)). Take off and put away hats and sunglasses while in class, please.
- Cheating or copying from others will result in a parent contact and appropriate consequences.
- Always do your best work.

Obey Those In Authority

- Follow rules as outlined in the [Tuffree Student Handbook](#).
- Allow me to teach so that everyone may learn.

Progressive Consequences:

- Classroom intervention (teacher discusses/re-teaches expected behavior, reassigned activity, changed seat, etc.)
- Appropriate teacher assigned consequence (may include break or before/after school detention)
- Parent contact
- Administrative referral (may also be given immediately for major infraction)

Rewards

- Verbal praise and encouragement
- Recognition of actions reflecting Respect, Responsibility, or Teamwork will be given using the 5-Star app. 5-Star points may be redeemed for special prizes or privileges. Students may want to download the 5-Star app to track their points.
- For participating in class during academic activities, "Bravo" tickets may be handed out. 3 Bravos = 5 Class Participation points. They can be turned in at any time during the year.

Help: I am generally available before school and at break for students who need extra help. Students may request help sessions with me in person, or electronically via email or the Remind app. There are also many online resources available through our class web site, www.senyorm.com. Students can check assignment due dates, do review activities, and utilize many other resources.

Make-Up Work: Homework will be assigned frequently and will be checked for completion during the following class day. Late homework is accepted for fewer points (20% lower each class day it's late). Two (2) days extra will be allowed for each day of an excused absence. Each week's warm up activities ("Chispas") will be collected on Fridays. Chispas may be turned in for full credit up until the last day of the quarter. Tests and quizzes should be made up as soon as possible. Please schedule a make-up time with me.

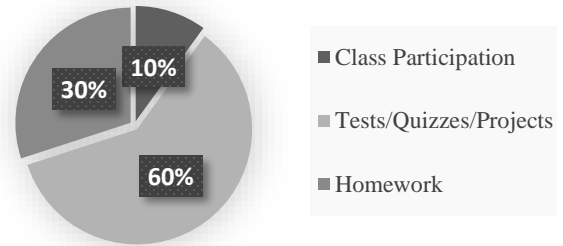
Grading System: I believe that students earn grades—I merely report them. Therefore, **I don't round up at the end of the quarter.** I use the following grading scale:

100% and above	A+
92%	A
90%	A-
88%	B+
82%	B
80%	B-
78%	C+
72%	C
70%	C-
68%	D+
62%	D
60%	D-
59% and below	F

Your grade will be based on the following weighted categories:

Homework (daily exercises from the textbook, workbook, worksheets, etc.)	30%
Tests/Quizzes/Projects (Each chapter will have quizzes and a test. Study guides will be provided along with online resources. Projects will be announced in advance and a rubric will be provided)	60%
Class Participation (includes written and oral participation in class)	10%
	100%

How your grade is calculated



Extra credit:

Any extra-credit assignments will be announced to the entire class. Remember, if you have problems or questions always ask. I really do care. No question is unimportant if it affects your understanding. Let's have a great year! Sr. Miller

Parents:

Please review the above policies with your student. To acknowledge that you have read and understand them, please sign below and return this page to me. I will keep them on file in my classroom. If you would like review these policies again during the school year, please visit the class website, www.senyorm.com.

Student name (please print)

Name of parent/guardian (please print)

Student signature

Date

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Parents' email address