

**Pre – IB Spanish 2 Syllabus
2009-2010 School Year**

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Room: 750

Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to Spanish and Hispanic cultures and to develop communication skills and cross-cultural understanding.

Text:

Avancemos 2: McDougal Littell © 2007

Website: Please visit my website at www.menendezhs.com in order to view important information such as classwork/homework assignments, test dates and grades! Once you reach the school home page, click on Teachers & Staff, Staff List and then Stasky, Nicole!

Materials:

A textbook and workbook, Avancemos Level 2, will be supplied to every student. In addition, the textbook can be accessed online at www.classzone.com. Each student will need a notebook for class notes and handouts. I strongly suggest a three-ring binder so that materials can be easily added or removed. I do not require a Spanish–English dictionary. Dictionaries will be made available in the classroom when needed. Students are also expected to have a writing utensil. Students are expected to bring all materials (textbook, workbook, binder, paper and writing utensil) to class on a daily basis.

Class Participation: This plays a very important part in getting the most out of this class. The following guidelines will ensure the best grade possible.

- a) Constant attention to class activities
- b) Active listening
- c) Enthusiasm for learning and a positive attitude
- d) Endeavoring to use Spanish whenever possible
- e) Volunteering for classroom activities
- f) Being on task for all individual or group activities

Homework: Homework should be expected nightly and should be completed to the best of the student's ability. It is due at the beginning of the following class meeting and will not be accepted for credit after the assigned date unless the student has an excused absence. Homework may be oral in nature, practicing the pronunciation of specific vocabulary or expressions. Flashcards are encouraged for the practice of vocabulary and are available online at www.classzone.com. While tedious, rote memorization is very important to the acquisition of any world language.

Attendance: PMHS attendance and tardy policies will be followed. Since attendance is directly related to student achievement, students should miss class only when absolutely necessary. If you must be absent, please follow the make-up work policy below.

Tardiness: Students are expected to arrive to class on time. In accordance with school policy, a student will receive ISS for every tardy in excess of three in a nine week period.

Make-up Work:

- a) All make-up work/assignments/class notes are the responsibility of the student. I will not ask for them.
- b) All assignments are due within **2** school days from the day you return to class.

- c) Make up tests/quizzes are to be made up outside of class time within **5** school days from the date of return. Mornings between 8:30 and 9:10 are preferable. In the event of extenuating circumstances, you must speak with me to set an appointment time. Any tests not made up within the five school days will be given a zero, without exceptions!

Classroom Rules:

- a) NO food or drink in the classroom.
- b) NO cell phones or electronic devices.
- c) Respect yourself and each other.
 - 1. Do not speak while others are speaking.
 - 2. Ask permission to leave your seat.
 - 3. Treat others the way you wish to be treated.
- d) Demonstrate high quality work.
 - 1. Come prepared each and every day.
 - 2. Complete all work to the best of your ability.

The PMHS disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in your student handbook.

Grading: Grades will be calculated on a point system. A final grade is determined by dividing the total number of points accumulated by the total number of points possible. Points are based on tests, quizzes, homework, classwork and projects. Extra credit will not be given on an individual basis and a student's numerical grade must fall within the specified parameters to achieve a given letter grade. The state mandated grading scale is as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-89
D	60-69
C	70-79
F	0-59

Tests and quizzes will be kept in a file folder that will remain in my office. Parents may view their student's folder by appointment.

Grades are posted by student number after each test. It is the student's responsibility to check their grade for accuracy and any make up work that may need to be completed. Parents are encouraged to check a student's grade at any time by going online to Parent Assistant (<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/pa/>).

Cheating & Plagiarism: Students copying assignments or cheating on tests will not be given credit for their work. Parents and/or administration may be informed. Plagiarism (stealing the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own) will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade. Administration will be informed. In addition, the use of online translators is not acceptable and will also result in a 0 for the assignment.

Keys to Success:

- a) Always follow directions.
- b) Practice active listening during class.
- c) Participate in all classroom activities.
- d) Come to class prepared every day.
- e) Complete all homework accurately and on time.