

Success continues here...

Spanish 2A is a college preparatory class, and a continuation of Spanish 1AB. The pre-requisite for this course is a passing grade in Spanish 1AB. It is also assumed that you have a desire to learn Spanish, and good language skills and study habits. You must have a good understanding of the concepts listed below to be successful in this course. We will be expanding upon those concepts as well as learning the new ones also listed below.

Pre-requisite concepts

- Number and gender of nouns
- Agreement of nouns and adjectives
- ¿Te gusta...? Me gusta...
- Subject pronouns (yo, tú, él, ella, etc.)
- Regular -ar, -er, and -ir verbs
- Irregular verbs: *ser, ir, estar, tener, and venir*
- The present tense (yo hablo, tú hablas, etc...)
- The present progressive (yo estoy hablando...)
- Affirmative *tú* commands
- The preterite tense (yo hablé, tú hablaste...)
- Vocabulary and grammar through chapter 8A of *Realidades 1*

This Year's Learning Topics

- Affirmative and negative words
- Using Hacer + time + que expressions
- Reflexive verbs
- Possessive adjective long forms
- Demonstrative adjectives
- Using adjectives as nouns
- Irregular preterite tense conjugations
- Imperfect tense forms and irregulars
- Uses of preterite and imperfect tenses
- Direct and indirect object pronouns
- Reciprocal actions
- Irregular *tú* commands

Classroom Expectations...

It is expected that you will do your best to make this a productive and enjoyable learning environment. Please follow this short list of class rules at all times:

- **Be responsible**
 - Be in class on time and with all your required materials.
 - Turn in all assignments on time.
 - In the case of an absence (planned or otherwise), turn in your homework and find out what you missed.
 - Keep our room clean and pleasant.
- **Be honest**
 - A student caught cheating, aiding another student to cheat, or plagiarizing will receive a 0 for that assignment, whether it is a homework assignment, quiz, test, or project.
- **Be respectful**
 - Behave in a courteous manner.
 - Turn off and store your cell phone and other electronic devices for the duration of the class. The school-wide cell phone policy will be enforced!
 - Use the restroom before or after class whenever possible. Please do not interrupt a lesson.
 - Consume food or drinks before class or after class.
- **Use your knowledge**
 - Speak in Spanish whenever you can with me, classmates, and others.
 - Watch a Spanish language channel on TV or listen to a Spanish radio station.

Attendance Policy...

Samohi wants to encourage all students to take the fullest advantage of their educational opportunities. As a result, an absence policy has been reinstated in order to participate in graduation ceremonies. **Senior students are allowed no more than 120 cumulative class period absences in order to participate in the Samohi graduation ceremony. This number is for both excused and unexcused absences and includes college visits.**

Grading Policy...

Your semester grade is comprised of the following weighted categories; homework/classwork- 10%, interpersonal communication assessments- 15%, interpretive communication assessments- 15%, presentational communication assessments- 15%, tests and quizzes- 25%, and a cumulative final exam- 20%. **I do not give individual extra credit projects.** However, you may have the opportunity to earn extra credit by choosing to complete an additional activity *when offered*. Any extra credit opportunities offered will be included in your grade in the homework category and will not be allowed to affect your grade by more than 2%.

Grading Scale...

The grading scale is as follows:

A 90%-100% B 80%-89.9% C 70%-79.9% D 60%-69.9% F 59.9% and below

Homework Policy...

Homework is due at the beginning of the period each day. Homework is typically assigned every night, including weekends. You are expected to work with neatness, care and attention to detail. **Copying homework, or allowing others to copy your work is unacceptable, and will result in "0" credit and a phone call home.** Half credit will be given for late work that is *not* the result of an excused absence.

Make-up Policy...

Because the class moves quickly and there are one or more quizzes weekly, I expect excellent attendance. If you are absent or tardy, it is **your** responsibility to show me your homework assignments if you wish to receive credit for your work, find out what you missed on the day of your absence, and arrange to make-up any test or quiz that you may have missed. In the case of an excused absence, you have the number of days you were absent to make up the assignment. Within this time frame, full credit will be given for homework assignments that were a result of an excused absence.

Re-take Policy:

Students are afforded one re-take opportunity for any test, quiz or assessment (excluding final exams) for which they earn a D or F. The highest possible score for a re-take is a C.

Materials...

We use the following materials in this course: Realidades 2 textbook, Realidades 2 workbook.

Students enrolled in Samohi are not required to pay any fee, deposit, or other charge for participation in an educational activity offered by the school or the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, except as authorized by law. Donations are sought and accepted for various activities and supplies, and are at times critical to the continued success of classes and activities, but donations are voluntary.

Teacher Availability...

Spanish II involves a heavier workload and a more in-depth investigation of grammatical concepts than Spanish I. Should you find yourself in need of help or clarification, I am available for extra help, practice, or guidance most days at lunch, during flex-time or by appointment.

Final thoughts...

I'm looking forward to a great year together. I am committed to providing you with varied learning activities, fair evaluation of your work, and academic support in order to help you reach your goal of improving and perfecting your Spanish skills. I hope you will come to class each day with enthusiasm and an open mind.

Sincerely,

Heather Wethern

I have read and understand the classroom expectations and policies.

X _____
(student's signature)

X _____
(parent/guardian's signature)

(date)

Please keep this sheet in your notebook at all times. It is for your information and reference.