Spanish 2 Español 2016-2017

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¡Bienvenidos!

#### Required Text: Avancemos, Level II text

## Philosophy

The Blue Valley USD#229 believes that foreign languages empower us to seek understanding of cultures and peoples in our local and world communities. It is important that all students develop the linguistic and cultural skills in more than one language in order to function successfully in the 21st century.

## Description

The student will be expanding his ability to speak and write in the language as well as understand the spoken and written word. The student will greatly increase his knowledge of Spanish grammar. The acquisition of the language will be done through a large variety of activities.

**Expectations:** The following expectations will help you make class time and study time useful and positive.

* **Be respectful and considerate of classmates and teachers! Be courteous and considerate.**
* **Be responsible – check your email, web postings, come for help when needed, ask questions!**
* **Be prepared for class! Always bring the required materials and completed homework. Remember the BVN Honor Code.**
* **Study daily! Do homework on a consistent basis!**
* **Use only Spanish! The more you use it, the easier it will be to remember. Take risks! Don’t be afraid to make mistakes! Making mistakes helps you learn and is a normal part of learning a language.**
* **Put away and turn off all electronic devices, leave phone on desk before asking permission to leave the room.**
* **Only water is permitted, no food or drinks.**
* **BE ON TIME: Class starts when the bell rings, and you must be in your seat.**

You must be **in your seat** when the **bell rings** or you are tardy. You must submit your pass if the tardy is excused. At the end of the hour, remain seated until the bell rings AND **I dismiss you** with **¡Adios!**

* **BE POSITIVE AND HAVE FUN!**

**Materials Required** – bring these to class every day.

* Texts will be checked out as needed and can be kept in the classroom when not in use. Each student is responsible for his/her assigned text and will be charged if that text is not returned. Never take a text from the classroom that is not assigned to you!
* A three-ring binder to be used only for Spanish class. You should organize all handouts, homework, notes, vocabulary lists, culture notes, essays, etc. in your notebook. Your text is not a notebook!
* Highlighter, pencils, black or blue pens, red or green pens, highlighter, two dry erase markers for the classroom.
* Eraser, notebook, loose leaf paper, notecards.
* A good Spanish/English dictionary.
* A box of tissues.

**Attendance and Food Policy** : All classes will follow the published Blue Valley North High School policy for attendance, tardies, and food/drinks in class. (Only water is allowed.)The study of a foreign language requires steady, progressive learning; therefore regular attendance, class participation, and frequent study are encouraged and required. **You will need to make up work and participation points.** If you are tardy (not in the classroom when the bell rings), you will be given a warning. Consequent tardies will merit a trip to Tardy Tracker.

**Cell Phone Policy**: Absolutely no use of cell phones, iPods, etc. will be allowed in class. This includes using the phone as a calculator, for text messaging, pictures and games. To avoid any conflicts, make sure it is not out/visible in class and everything is turned **OFF**!

**Make-up work:** It is your responsibility to obtain missed assignments from School Center and/or Sra. Pommerenke and fellow classmates as needed. You will be allowed a make-up period of two school days for each excused absence. **If you are aware of an upcoming absence, it is *your* responsibility to get the assignments in advance and to turn them in upon returning to class.** This is true for both sports/school absences and appointments. Quiz and tests make-up times must be scheduled with me. No time will be given during class for make-up work. If you know of your absence ahead of time, be proactive.

**Academic Support:** Students are expected to take the initiative in their learning. If a student does not understand something or needs additional practice, he or she is expected to ask for help, do additional exercises and take advantage of all available academic support as outlined below.

* Academic support is available to all students in all classes on Wednesday from 2:25 – 3:15.

WEDNESDAY IS NOT AN EARLY RELEASE DAY!

* Students are expected to use Academic Support for extra help, to ask questions or to make up assessments and speaking points. Feel free to work with me or with fellow students in my classroom during this time.
* I am generally available in the morning from 7:15 until classes begin. This is the best time to get last minute help with a homework assignment due that day. The statement, “I could not do my homework because I did not understand” is not acceptable. I am usually available after school as well.
* There are many opportunities for extra practice. A list of Internet sites that will be beneficial to your success can be found on School Center. You may also do exercises from additional readings from newspapers on the web and/or books in the classroom and check out tapes and films to use at home, etc.

**Language Laboratory:** You will be assigned a specific seat. When you arrive at your seat, check to see that there are not any problems. If there is a problem, report it to me. NO GAMES IN THE LAB. YOU MUST STAY ON TASK. Before you leave, hang up headsets, put keyboard back in front, mouse on top of the computer, shut down computer, and push in chair. NO FOOD, DRINK, OR GUM IN THE LAB! You are responsible for your station-the next student will let their teacher know if you left a problem. Remember that all work in the lab is part of your class work and must be made up.

**CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** I will follow the guidelines of the BVN Honor Code. Students are reminded that the use of unauthorized technology such as on-line translation is cheating. Likewise, having anyone, including parents or tutors, complete your work is cheating. Students must be able to reproduce and demonstrate understanding for any and all concepts used in their work.

**Substitute teachers:** Students are reminded that all of the expectations in the directives are to be met if there is a substitute.

**Success** in the study of a foreign language depends primarily on the interest and desire to learn. It requires work outside of the daily classroom activities and regular attendance in class. In addition to completion of the formal homework assigned, students are expected to review old vocabulary or concepts, complete on-line practice, redo previous work and practice the READ IT, WRITE IT, SAY IT, HEAR IT study skill.

If you are feeling lost or confused, ask questions! Come in for extra help during Academic Support time or make an appointment to see me before or after school. My goal is to help you succeed! I am looking forward to helping you become a better Hispanophone!

## Grading

You will be graded in the following area:

 **15%**- **Homework and in class work**: Points may be awarded based on completion/accuracy.

 **20%-Speaking**: Your speaking ability and willingness to speak will be evaluated.

 **65%**- **Assessments:** These will be given throughout the unit, includes quizzes and unit assessments.

 **12%-Final Exam**

**Speaking Points**

 Students will be required to speak on a daily basis. The more they speak and the more accurate, the more points they will receive.

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### A 100-90%

### B 89-80%

#### C 79-70%

D 69-60%

F Below 60%

 Grades will be cumulative, which means that they will be ongoing throughout the semester.

**NO** EXTRA CREDIT

CHEATERS WILL RECEIVE A “0” FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT, QUIZ, ETC.

 The school honor code will be strictly enforced regarding cheating.