**\*\*\* SPEAKING POINTS GUIDELINES\*\*\***

Spanish is a **PERFORMANCE CLASS**, therefore Spanish speaking points will be tabulated and compared to non-participation / silence / monosyllabic answers as well as the use of English during class.

Speaking perfect Spanish is not as important as *trying* to speak the language. You will not always know all the words in Spanish that you may want to use. Let’s try for proficiency before you think about fluency. You need to try using words you already know to describe things you don't know. (This is known as *circumlocution*.) This is a great way to learn new vocabulary! And, you can start trying out new vocabulary and structures we learn in class to make them a part of your active speech patterns.

Points may be earned in the following ways:

● By speaking with friends and/or teacher in Spanish whenever possible

[between activities or at the end of an activity before time is up)

● By volunteering during class discussions or going over an in-class assignment

(higher points awarded for more complex sentences, and correct chapter

grammar / vocab use!)

EX: Alicia got home late last night. vs. Alicia got home late last night because she stopped at the supermarket to buy pasta and vegetables for dinner. [Why? Where? How? When? Because? With whom? use of vocab words? etc.]

● By participating in formal speaking activities set up by the teacher in the classroom or world language lab

When you speak, you may earn one of the following: [not every activity is graded]

**1 point**  = basic effort (TRY IT!!!) in complete, on-topic sentences

**2 points** = advanced expectations, including correct grammar, incorporating our vocabulary **and structures, and good pronunciation (complex sentences at least attempted)**

**3 points =** WOW! Señora is impressed! Advanced expectations were exceeded, multiple sentence response, correct use of complex structures

**Important Notes:**

* **The use of English during assigned tasks will cause you to lose points.**
* You may receive up to 3 points EACH time you speak.
* Points will be totaled approximately every 3-4 weeks. The top grade will be calculated from the 4th highest earned speaking total for your class.
* Anything you receive OVER that period’s expectation becomes EXTRA CREDIT!!!! This is the ONLY way to earn extra credit. So SPEAK the target language!!!! **\*NOTE – the maximum is not to exceed 110%.\***
* You DO NOT receive a point just for raising your hand. You MUST actually speak!
* Points can be earned at any time during class not just during direct question and answer periods.
* Students who choose not to participate in class cannot make up all speaking points after school.  Additionally, EC points will not be awarded to students who do not speak in class.
* Students who are absent must make up missed class participation by earning points outside of class time.