

ELP Spanish III Honors

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Course Description: This course is designed to expand and refine the students' linguistic accuracy and to increase their ability to function appropriately within the Spanish culture. Emphasis continues to be on developing the students' ability to use their second language skills to make decisions, solve problems, investigate topics and create new products in "real life" situations. Activities include interaction with native speakers either in person or via technology, and oral and written discussion of current issues. Students read a variety of literary materials with an emphasis on cross cultural understanding of the daily living patterns and customs of the peoples who speak Spanish. **Students in ELP 10 Spanish receive early comprehensive preparation for subsequent IB Spanish course. Formal letter writing, journal entries, open-ended class discussions and interaction with the IB assessment criteria are emphasized in this course. Classes are conducted in Spanish.**

Student Responsibilities:

1. Show up on time.
2. Be prepared and organized.
3. Do your assignments.
4. Respect your own and other's space.

Materials:

- Text: *Pacesetter* will be provided and must be covered at all times.
- Dictionary: Spanish/English is highly recommended.
- Supplies: 3-ring binder with loose-leaf paper
 - Pen and pencil
 - Dividers
 - 3 highlighters of different colors
 - Dry erase marker

Grading: Grades will be calculated using a total points system then calculated using a standard percentage scale: 100-90 A, 89-80 B, 79-70 C, 69-60 D, and 59-0 E. Points will be given for homework, classwork, tests, quizzes, projects and presentations. Homework will count for approximately 15% to 20% of the final grade and will be given almost every night.

Tips for Success:

- Speak as much as possible in Spanish
- Practice outside the classroom
- Keep an organized notebook
- Study new material every evening
- Strive for perfect attendance

This course is designed to be very active and include many different activities. Class participation is a must. I feel this allows for a very fun and positive classroom atmosphere in which I hope each and every one of my students will succeed. This is *your* classroom. Let's make it a great year!