

## Spanish 1

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**Text:** Ven Conmigo- Level 1

**Course Description:** This course is designed to begin learning basic and everyday Spanish vocabulary and phrases and to begin building oral and written skills through basic Spanish grammar skills learned in this course. Small introductions to Spanish speaking cultures will begin in this course as well. Listening skills will also be introduced, as I will be using Spanish phrases for daily and routine activities throughout the classroom.

**Course Objective:** To build the fundamental skills for the Spanish language and begin building a foundation of Spanish vocabulary.

**Course Expectations:** Students are to be in class, on time, and prepared for learning. Students are to have their TEXT BOOK, FOLDER, DICTIONARY, PAPER/NOTEBOOK, and WRITING UTENSIL. Homework assignments are to be completed before the beginning of class to be ready to hand in, to grade, or to be checked on completion. Appropriate study time outside of class is required and strongly encouraged for tests, quizzes, and homework.

**Class Material Requirements:** The following items will help keep the student organized throughout the year and need be brought to class daily:

- \* Folder (or Binder depending on preference)
- \* 1 notebook (specific to this course) able to turn in for grading or corrections and taking notes or paper in a binder as long as the binder can be turned in.
- \* Pen, Pencil, and Highlighter
- \* Textbook with book cover
- \* Spanish to English dictionary to be brought to class everyday!! (Extra dictionaries are available on a check-out basis but there are only 5 and will be the cost of \$.50 every time one is needed as the dictionary is part of the requirement for this class!)

**Dress Code:** To be followed the same as the policies and procedures according to the Aquin High School Handbook.

**Behavior Expectations:** RESPECT! If you show me respect, I will show you respect and the same for your pupils. This is very simple if you know the meaning of respect! Things such as talking when the teacher is talking, talking when other students are talking, negative attitude, etc. are all examples of being disrespectful.

**Participation Points:** 2 participation points will be awarded on a daily basis for coming to class, being on time, prepared and actively participating in classroom activities. However, points will be deducted if the student is out of dress code, not prepared for class, incomplete homework that hinders that day's activity, being disrespectful to the teacher or peers, late to class, sleeping during class period, etc.

**Coupons:** For each semester, each student will receive three coupons. These coupons can

be used to turn in a late assignment (one day late), gain back a day's participation points, or as two bonus points on a test. Only ONE coupon can be used in a day and cannot be used on the semester final exams as those exams are weighted too heavily.

**Homework Policy:** Students are expected to be in class and on time everyday to enhance their learning. If there is to be a pre-arranged absence, I should be informed in a timely matter to be sufficient in having assignments for the student ahead of time. I do NOT accept late homework! Homework is to be done at the beginning of the class period for that due date. If I see you working on an assignment during class to turn in at the end of class it will not be accepted. If an assignment is a day late it will be 50% of the original grade and any time after that it is worth no credit at all.

**Quizzes and Tests:** If a student misses a quiz or test, they will be required to take the test or quiz the very next day they return to class. The student will know at least one week prior before tests and at least two days prior to quizzes. I reserve the right to keep all tests and quizzes. There is absolutely NO CHEATING!!! If you are caught cheating, you will receive a zero on the assignment, quiz, test or anything that may be assigned and further action may be taken with the school.

**Extra Credit:** There will be extra credit opportunities throughout the school year and each student will be notified when these opportunities arise. However, if a student has only turned in ONE assignment for the quarter, they will not be allowed to do more extra credit than what I offer to the entire class.

*\*I look forward to this fun and exciting year with each of you! Any questions of the student, I will always be ready to help. Do not be afraid to ask! Any questions of the parents, please feel free to contact me via email or phone at any time and I will respond to you as quickly as possible. My free periods are 1st and 9th periods and before and after school.*