

8th Grade Spanish

****How can I do my best in this class?***

1. **Be organized!** A 3-ring binder (cuaderno) is required, and must be divided into the sections listed below. Try your best to keep all papers in their correct section – don't throw anything away without checking with me first! Your binder is very important and will often be your primary study resource for tests and quizzes. And, we do have graded notebook checks.

Notebook Sections:

1. Vocabulario
2. Gramática
3. Alejandro
4. Tarea
5. Pruebas y Proyectos

You also need a **composition notebook** for daily *dictado* (translation). You will keep it in class.

You need a Spanish/English dictionary for use at home. **Use of online language translators is restricted to single word lookup only.** **Recommended online dictionary is www.spanishdict.com.** Obvious usage of online translators in homework or composition assignments will result in loss of grade points.

2. **Be prepared!** Bring your cuaderno to class **each day**, as well as a **pen or pencil**.
3. **Do your homework!(Tarea):** Homework will be assigned by the end of class each day, and is posted on the board and the web as well. Homework is due at the beginning of class on the due date. **No credit is given for late homework since we usually go over it in class.** If you are absent for one day, I expect you will check the web or a classmate and make a best effort to do the work. Homework must be done alone unless otherwise stated.
4. **Study a bit each day!** You should review each night in order to be able to do the daily *dictado*, since it involves whatever vocabulary and grammar we are working on. **DO NOT** wait until the night before a test to study the material – this is the fastest, easiest way to failure!
5. **Do your best on projects!** There will be at least one major project per term and several small projects. Their dates and topics will be announced well in advance. Solid effort in this area can help your grade. ****NOTE:** You will be allowed to choose a project partner for some projects. Choose carefully, as some project grades are given to the team, based on the team results, not the individual.
6. **Participate in class!** The more you try to communicate in Spanish, the faster you will learn to speak. Participation in a language class is probably more important than in any other class you have. Please don't be afraid to make mistakes – everyone is going to make many mistakes – it is a natural part of the learning process! I also hope to hear you speak Spanish to me and to your classmates outside of class. Try to have fun with the language!

Put this in the front of your Spanish notebook for easy reference!