

# Español 1 – Chino Hills High School

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## Policies and Procedures

I am looking forward to another successful year here teaching Spanish at Chino Hills High, and I am very excited and looking forward getting to know all. It will be a very exciting year for you since you will be learning (or continuing to learn) the third-most spoken language on Earth. I teach primary in Spanish using constant repetition that includes: daily routines, textbook exercises, vocabulary introductions with hand gestures, stories, partner sharing, songs, book work exercises, pictures with presentations, and games. Please read over this packet, sign it, then have your parents/guardians sign it, and return it to Sr. Garcia next class.

## General Rules

- Speak in SPANISH! If you need to use English, you must ask permission.
- Come to class prepared with proper material **with your homework** and be on time every day (failure to have your homework will result in a phone call during class).
- No food, drinks (except water) or any distractions at the start of class.
- All School Rules also apply in our classroom.
- Zero bullying tolerance. Be respectful towards everyone and their belongings in the classroom.

## Discipline Policy

**Most misbehavior, class disruptions or failure to turn completed homework will result in a phone call home.**

## Daily materials

- A highlighter, writing utensil and a red pen.
- Composition notebook (notebooks with bound pages)
- Notecards for making flashcards
- OPTIONAL: Smartphone Apps: Duolingo and Quizlet (both available for iPhone and Android).

## Grading scale for Spanish I

### Assessments: 65% of student grade

- Listening 10%
- Reading 10%
- Writing 10%
- Speaking 10%
- Culture/Unit Tests 15%
- Final 10%

### Classroom Effort: 35% of student grade

- Homework: 15%
- Projects/Presentations: 10%
- Classwork/Participation 15%

## Class work, Homework and Projects

Students will follow a weekly routine from each lesson all in the target language. Students will start class with a review and then continue with a warm-up that should be written in their diario (diary/journal). These writings should be organized by date, **highlighted** and turned in every grading period. This will count towards their class participation.

All homework assignments are posted on my website at [www.senorgarcia.com](http://www.senorgarcia.com). Homework will be given every day and each assignment will be worth 10 points. Homework will be checked and turned in during classwork; any copying or doing homework during class time will not be worth any credit. Again, **failure to turn in completed homework will result in a phone call home**. Make sure you bring your work everyday. Late homework will not be accepted.

After the first time you forget your homework or have it incomplete, you will receive a detention each time you fail to bring your completed homework. Do your homework!

### Quizzes and Tests

Quizzes will be given at least once a week every Friday. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter and students will be given study guides for both midterm and final exams. There will not be any surprise quizzes or tests.

*Academic honesty - If a student is **caught cheating** on a quiz or test, that student will receive a zero and will not be able to retake it.*

### Pesos:

One peso is worth 1 extra credit point and they are given out periodically throughout the year for answering questions correctly and actively participating during class. These are turned in at the end of each semester.

### Film recording:

Classes will be recorded 1-2 times in the school year to contribute to my teaching portfolio for my credential program and to record a few projects and presentations. This is entirely voluntary for the student and options are available keep the student from being recorded if requested.

### Featured films:

This school year, students will be scheduled a few other selected movies rated between G – R (with a few scenes edited for appropriate classroom atmosphere). This year we will be watching *Under the same moon* (Rated PG-13), *Selena* (Rated PG), *Coco* (Rated PG), and *Instructions not included* (Rated PG-13). If other films will be shown, more information will be given in advance which films will be shown in class. If requested, students have the option of an alternate assignment in a different room in lieu of watching any selected film shown in class

### Extra Help

I will be available after school for Spanish tutoring after school from **2:30pm to 3:00pm in room #104** by appointment. If you cannot come during those hours, we can try to arrange a day that will work for both of us. This is a good time to make-up missing work or to come and ask questions about something you have not understood. Please come to see Sr. García, even if you just have a small question. You are also welcome to come and practice your Spanish.

### Make-Up Work

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make-up any work that you have missed. If you know that you will be missing a day of school, you should ask Sr. García ahead of time for the work we will be doing. In the event of an unexpected absence, you can get any work you missed from my website via School Wires or at [senorgarcia.com](http://senorgarcia.com). For each day that you are absent, you have one day to make-up missed class work or homework.

You will have up to 3 school days to make-up a quiz and tests. In the event of an extended absence, special arrangements will be made. Towards the end of the semester, you may retake one quiz or test and receive a maximum score of 75%; before you retake an assessment, you must receive at least one tutoring session with Sr. García.

### Contact Policy

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- to speak Spanish/to use permission to speak English (remember: language is a skill that must be practice)
- to complete ALL missing/absent work online at [www.senorgarcia.com](http://www.senorgarcia.com)
- to make up ALL quizzes or test for excuse absent (at most three days after absence) after school/lunch
- to be filmed/photographed during the school year to contribute to Sr. García's teaching portfolio
- to view appropriate, curriculum-related films rated G – R (with a few scenes edited);
- to complete homework each day (please consult [www.senorgarcia.com](http://www.senorgarcia.com) to view assignments) otherwise, students will **receive a homework referral (detention)** for failure to complete homework after the first missing assignment.

*If you do not wish you child to be photograph or view curriculum related films rated G - R, please indicate in the comments below, or with any other questions or concerns you may have. Remember that Sr. García is available at lunch and after school for extra tutoring.*

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Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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