

STONE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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📖 2009-2010 Spanish 1A/1B Policies & Procedures 📖

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¡Bienvenido/a a la clase de Español! I look forward to a rewarding year together as we explore this fascinating and fun subject.

Course Description

Students will get acquainted with the sounds, pronunciation, and basic structure of the Spanish language, while beginning to develop the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will also acquire basic knowledge about and cultural appreciation of Spanish-speaking countries.

Goals

Students will be able to:

1. Understand simple Spanish sentences.
2. Ask and answer questions.
3. Read simple texts and answer comprehension questions.
4. Understand and use basic grammar.
5. Converse among each other and present some role-play.
6. Appreciate art, music, cuisine, historical influences, and variety of language conventions among Spanish speaking countries.

Standards

The above goals reflect the District Standards for Foreign Language:

- Standard 1: students will communicate in a language other than English
- Standard 2: students will develop insight into the nature of language and culture
- Standard 3: students will gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures
- Standard 4: students will connect with other disciplines and acquire information.

Texts and Other Published Materials

- 7th grade: Prentice-Hall, Realidades 1A Text (TB)
Prentice-Hall, Realidades 1A Writing, Audio & Video Workbook (WAV)
Prentice-Hall, Realidades 1A/1B Practice Workbook (PWB)
- 8th grade: Prentice-Hall, Realidades 1B Text (TB)
Prentice-Hall, Realidades 1B Writing, Audio & Video Workbook (WAV)
Prentice-Hall, Realidades 1A/1B Practice Workbook (PWB)

Grading

Assignments and test/quiz dates are posted in the classroom and on School Loop. It is the students' responsibility to keep track of assignments and turn them in on time. Unexcused late work will receive no credit. The final letter grade will be based on the total number of points and grades earned as follows:

Tests	-	40%
Quizzes	-	20%
Written work/Class work/participation	-	20%
Oral work/presentations	-	20%

Extra Credit

Extra Credit assignments may occasionally be available and will be posted in the classroom and/or on School Loop. A maximum of 3% may be added to a quarter grade for extra credit.

School Loop

School Loop is updated regularly and typically shows the student's most current grade. School Loop contains, assignments, test and quiz dates, our monthly calendar of activities, helpful links, downloadable materials. Please note that the monthly calendar of activities is posted on www.senorPhillips.com.

Absence

Assignments, test and quiz dates are posted in the classroom and on School Loop. In the event of absence, students should check School Loop, including the monthly calendar of activities posted on www.senorPhillips.com. The monthly calendar is important because it shows activities we do in class which are important for learning, even if they are not turned in for a grade.

For an excused absence, there will be a reasonable amount of time to make up missed work, usually one (1) additional day per day of absence from class. *It is the students' responsibility to keep track work and to complete it in a timely manner. It is the student's responsibility to initiate arrangements to make up missing work as needed.* **Unexcused late work will receive no credit.**

Classroom Norms

Everyone is expected to abide by the following:

- Everyone matters!
- Treat everyone - yourself and others - with respect.
- Follow classroom procedures and school-wide rules.
- Take responsibility for your learning and learning environment.
- Stay focused on Spanish.

Consequences for not following these norms/expectations are:

1st occurrence: warning & redirection

Subsequent occurrences will result in lunch detentions, parent contact, after school detentions, referral to administration for behavior interventions

Materials

Each student needs:

1. A three (3) ring binder (can be combined with other classes), binder paper, pens, pencils;
2. Recommended--composition book (not spiral bound) for vocabulary and grammar;
3. Textbook and workbooks (will be distributed to students)

Communication

We all need a safe and comfortable place to work. We all need to give and receive respect and support. Put-downs will not be tolerated. If you have a suggestion, or problem, please let me know. At school, you may talk with me, or write a note and put it in the *Entregar* box. Outside of school, e-mail is the most convenient.

SVMS Academic Integrity Policy

Stone Valley Middle School is committed to developing students of character. The PRIDE acronym clearly defines the five expected community behaviors of personal responsibility, respect, integrity, dependability and effort (PRIDE). Being a member of the PRIDE means that the student is responsible for Academic Integrity at Stone Valley Middle School. Students will take the time to do his/her own class work. Students will honestly try to learn without cheating, forging, lying, or taking shortcuts on homework, projects, and exams that he/she knows to be wrong. Cheating is deemed to have occurred when a teacher has reasonable suspicion as follows:

- Providing one's own work to be copied by another student.
- Using the Internet as a resource without directly citing the source.
- Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others in a paper without giving them credit.
- Exhibiting inappropriate behaviors during a test, such as talking, copying answers, looking at another student's test paper, etc.
- Communicating exam information or answers during or following an exam.
- Working with others on projects that are meant to be done individually.
- Forging someone else's signature.
- Using a cell phone, email, palm or electronic device to share testing information.
- Obtaining information in any manner not directed by the teacher.

Consequences will apply as follows:

1st offense: Will receive no credit, discipline notice will be filed and parent notification.

2nd offense: One-day suspension/Saturday School, loss of grade earned on assignment and parent notification.

3rd offense: One to three days suspension/Saturday School, loss of grade earned on assignment and parent notification.

SVMS Tardy Policy

It is our belief that being on time to classes, meetings, and appointments are important traits directly related to success in school and one's chosen career. When a student enters the room late, disruption occurs. It is during the first part of the period that the lesson objectives are explained, assignments corrected, and new assignments discussed. Please help reinforce this belief by making sure your child is at school no later than 8:10 a.m. (first bell.) Students arriving at school after 8:15 a.m. must sign in at the attendance office before going to class. Additionally, students are expected to be on time to periods 2-8 throughout the day. Consequences for unexcused tardies (per quarter):

- 1st offense: Teacher documentation
2nd offense: Teacher documentation and lunch detention
3rd offense: Teacher documentation, after school detention, parent contact, and may result in loss of school social privileges (i.e., dances, school/class activities, etc.).
4th offense: Saturday school
5th + offense: Students unable to correct habitual tardiness will be placed on a student attendance contract. The contract will specify consequences for subsequent tardies. It may include one or all of the following: additional assignment to Saturday school; school suspension for repeated willful defiance; being dropped from the class and assigned to summer school to make up the class; referral to Student Success Team (SST) prior to referral to School Attendance Review Board (SARB.)

SVMS Hallway Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Walk quietly through the halls at all times as not to disrupt classes
- Keep hallways clear so others can access classroom doors
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Respect others and their belongings
- Put all trash in the garbage cans
- Have a hall pass during class time
- Play in the designated areas (basketball courts and field)

Infractions will be dealt with by the supervising staff

PLEASE VISIT <http://www.senorphillips.com> and follow the links to the Course Policy Information. You will need to fill out and submit the form online (instead of signing the form) to acknowledge that you and your parent(s) have read and understood the Course Policy.