

# VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL

## MRS. ARIAS

### SPANISH 3

This course orientation has been prepared to communicate the expectations, course content, course requirement policies and any other information that will give you the opportunity to achieve and have a positive learning experience. If you do not understand or have questions about any part of this course orientation, please see me for clarification.

#### INTRODUCTION OF COURSE

This is a one-year course designed to continue the introduction of basic Spanish skills to the students. Students will be listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. Also Spanish and Latin American histories and cultures will be studied.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

Using the textbook Descubre and other teacher-selected materials, emphasis is placed on listening, speaking, reading and writing Spanish. Grammatical concepts to be covered will include the following:

- Review main concepts covered in Spanish 2
- Reflexive verbs
- Imperfect tense
- Commands
- Subjunctive
- Future tense

#### TEXTBOOKS

The textbook for this course is Descubre augmented by teacher-selected materials. The replacement cost is \$118.00. Each student is responsible for covering books and taking care of them. Lost or damaged books must be replaced or paid for by the student. The workbook for this course was provided to each student free of charge. It is the student's responsibility to replace lost or damaged practice workbook by placing an order at [www.vistahigherlearning.com](http://www.vistahigherlearning.com)

The ISBN for the workbook is: Spanish 3 - 978-1-61857-210-3

#### MATERIALS

\*Each student needs to bring the textbook and workbook to class everyday.

- A notebook, a section in their folder or binder to keep all the work in case of discrepancies at grading periods.
- A red pen for correcting, blue or black pen, pencil and paper.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework assignments will be given on a regular basis (3-5 times per week).

Homework assignments are to be done neatly and turned in the next day. It will be corrected, stamped by the teacher and assigned credit points on the day it is due. **Late work will NOT be accepted.** Homework not completed due to an excused absent must be made up within a two day period after returning to class.

Homework must be completed before class according to the following format:

- Pen or pencil. **Do not use red ink.**
- Activity and page number (example: Activity A, pg. 10)
- Name, period, and date in the upper-right corner.

#### TESTS

A student is allowed to take the make-up test only if the student is absent the day of the test and the absence is excused. A student must take the test the day he/she returns to class. If a student is absent several days, the student has the same amount of days to take the make-up test after his/her return. **If you miss a test or quiz during an absence the test or quiz should be taken on the day you return from the absence. For tests there will be a 10 point penalty per day it is not taken. For quizzes there will be a 5 point penalty per day. Any changes to the policy must be approved by the teacher.** The tests will count double. For example if the test is 80 questions, it will be worth 160 points. There are no retakes on tests or quizzes.

No make-up work or tests will be allowed for truant, cut or unexcused absences.

#### PARTICIPATION

You will earn five (5) points of participation a week. They will be added to the grade at the end of each grading period. You can lose one or all five points at any time if you are not actively participating in class. Actively participating in class means you are doing what you are supposed to be doing. For example: talking, eating, being tardy, not bringing materials, using cell phones, listening to music or using any other device in class will make you lose those participation points. Once the five points are lost, the five step form will be used for the rest of the week if needed. You will not be informed when you are losing points. Just know that if you are not actively participating, you will lose the points.

### CELL PHONES and other devices

No cellular phones, audio or visual equipment in the classroom. Turn off and put away your Ipad and cell phones. If I see it, you are using it! The William S. Hart Union High School District cell phone policy will be implemented. (You may refer to it in the Student/Parent Handbook & Calendar on page 11.) Students may have their electronic device taken away and turned in to the office.

**Be honest and be prepared to accept the consequences of your own actions.**

### GRADING SYSTEM

Grading is done on a point system. Students will receive grades based on their percentages of the points possible.

90%-100%= A

80%-89%= B

70%-79%= C

60%-69%= D

Below 60% will be F

EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO BRING THE TEXTBOOK, WORKBOOK AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO CLASS EVERYDAY.

### CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT POLICY

You are expected to adhere to the following rules:

\*Be in the room and ready to work before the bell rings. (See tardy policy)

\*Be courteous and respectful to the teacher and classmates.

\*Be prepared for class activities, bring you book (no passes to go to the lockers), pen, paper and any due assignments to class.

\*Food and drinks are not allowed. Water is okay.

\*Students will not be permitted to interrupt the teacher or the learning process and will respect others' rights, feelings and property.

\*Students are not allowed to use their cell phone or listen to music in class.

### CONSEQUENCES

1<sup>ST</sup> time a rule is broken = Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> = Step

3<sup>rd</sup> =Call to parents and step

4<sup>th</sup> =Unsatisfactory "U"

Valencia's Opportunity Room 5-step process will be enforced.

### CHEATING BEHAVIOR

A student who attempts to gain or gains an unfair advantage over any other student because of unacceptable behavior is subject to the following:

1<sup>st</sup> offense- zero on the assignment or test and opportunity step.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense- zero on the assignment or test, suspension from class, parent notified and opportunity room step.

### ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

Attendance is very important and is directly related to success. To be successful, students must in attendance and on time each day. The school tardy and attendance policies will be in effect in this class. **STUDENTS WHO MISS 15 OR MORE DAYS IN A CLASS ARE SUBJECT TO A FAILING GRADE IN THAT CLASS.**

The Tardy Policy will be enforced. Please refer to it in the Student/Parent Handbook & Calendar on page 13.

### TEACHER CONFERENCE PERIOD

Period 7

### TEACHER EMAIL ADDRESS

[marias@hartdistrict.org](mailto:marias@hartdistrict.org)

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(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO TEACHER)

**This semester vhlcentral.com activities must be completed by due date. No credit for late work.**

This will acknowledge that we have read and understand the information received in this Spanish course orientation.

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Due: Wednesday January 18, 2017**

Turned in: \_\_\_\_\_  
(filled out by teacher)