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Syllabus Spanish 1

This is the first course in High School Spanish. The focus of the course is on communication in Spanish. You will be evaluated on what you can DO in Spanish, not about what you know. You will be working on interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communication at a level appropriate to a first year Spanish language student. You will learn to speak, read and write in Spanish and will be able to understand spoken Spanish when the speaker is speaking on topics to which you have been exposed. The course is designed to provide you with opportunities to achieve the national standards in language instruction. These standards are summarized as the five Cs: communication, comparisons (between your language and Spanish), culture, connections (between Spanish class and other school classes) and communities (enabling you to use Spanish in the outside community). The class will be conducted mostly in Spanish and you are expected to speak Spanish in the class.

OBJECTIVES: You will be able to participate in oral discussions asking, and answering questions and, exchanging information in Spanish on a variety of topics at a beginning level. You will be able to present information formally in Spanish (reports, projects etc.) You will be able to distinguish the relationship of spoken Spanish to spelling in Spanish and will be able to express yourself in writing at a novice level. In addition you will be able to obtain and give information in written Spanish on a variety of topics at a beginning level. You will be able to interpret Spanish through reading and listening and will obtain information about the cultures of the countries where Spanish is spoken through listening to tapes, lectures and videos and by reading simple publications from Spanish speaking populations.

CORE MATERIALS: PASO A PASO 1, WORK BOOK ANCILLARY

MATERIALS: Videos, transparencies and tapes for PASO A PASO 1 A variety of printed material from the Spanish speaking world

GRADING: Your quarter grades will be calculated as follows: Proficiencies and class room participation 50% Tests and Quizzes 40% Homework 10% Semester grades will be calculated as follows Each quarter 42.5% Final exam or project 15%