Spanish 1 Course Syllabus

**Materials needed**-

Notebook (I will collect it to grade 8 times this year)

Spanish/English dictionary

Pens/pencils (Always come prepared)

The Spanish 1 classes at Sheridan High School focus on basic conversation in Spanish. We learn greetings, goodbyes, using the term “like” in Spanish, describing yourself and others, telling time, numbers, food and meals, expressing feelings, calendars and dates, shopping and haggling prices, getting around and asking directions, describing your house and rooms, as well as the items inside, planning a party, sports, and parts of the body.

**Grading**: Grades will be posted on Infinite Campus in a timely manner. Grading for Spanish 1 will be based upon performance in three areas:

1. **Participation/behavior**- becoming successful in another language requires one to step out of a comfort zone and speak. Students who are not afraid to give the new language a try and make a few mistakes will acquire the new language much faster than those who don’t.
2. **Classwork/Homework**- These are assignments given in class that are completed in class, as well as assignments that are taken home for homework. Much of this is designed to give students independent practice for something we learned/practiced in class. Most assignments are due by the beginning of class the following day unless specified otherwise.
3. **Tests**- We begin each new section in the book by writing down new vocabulary. We follow this up by putting this vocabulary into context and practicing it on paper and by speaking to each other in class. Students are rewarded for taking good notes by being allowed to use these notes for tests. Students who participate and pay attention, complete their homework/classwork in in a timely manner, and who take good notes, do very well on the tests.

Extra! At least once each quarter, the Spanish classes will have a chance to learn about/ try some type of traditional food from a Spanish-speaking country. We’ve been able to eat things like “Tostones” (fried green bananas) , “Tostadas” , Mole Poblano (Brown Sauce made with spices and chocolate), etc…

What a blast it is to learn another language and about other cultures!