



Welcome to the WCSD Languages other than English Program

This course is offered through WCSD and offers an immersive language learning experience on a daily basis for all students. Our World Language programs offer honor societies at the High School Level for all of our languages as well as opportunities for cultural and collaborative learning at the secondary levels. Through our language program, our students have the opportunity to achieve their Advanced Regents Diploma, the NYS Seal of Biliteracy and take Advanced Placement courses. Our students are guided by talented teachers with years of experience teaching in the district as well as at local colleges and universities. We align our work to the NYSED Standards of LOTE and the ACTFL World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages to provide opportunities for students to pursue their passion through language, culture and rigor.



La clase de español con Señora Faxon

2020-2021

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Course: L516 (Spanish I) or L515 (Spanish 7)

Room 112 (for hybrid learning)

Website: Click 'Faxon, Suzette' under the Van Wyck 'Teachers' tab

Course Description:

Learning a new language can be a very exciting and enjoyable experience. I encourage you to participate in and enjoy the activities planned for this academic school year.

Spanish I is spread over a two-year period in grades 7 & 8. The curriculum is centered on themes that are consistent with real life situations. At the end of 8th grade, students will receive one high school credit upon successful completion of the course and any pertinent assessment(s). Details will be provided regarding any assessments as they become available.

The following 6 themes will guide the course of instruction this year:

1. Personal & Public Identities
2. Families & Communities
3. Contemporary Life
4. Beauty & Aesthetics & the Arts
5. Science & Technology
6. Global Challenges

Expectations for Remote Learning:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Use chat to ask for help● Use respectful words and body language● Choose a calm, distraction free space to sit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Be on time and ready to learn● Start class charged and plugged in● Ask questions (voice or chat) when you have them.● Be present and participate; avoid multitasking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Audio off (mute) until directed otherwise● Respect your classmates' and teacher's privacy.● Have your camera on during the lesson
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*As per WCSD policy the use of cell phones is **prohibited** in the classroom (virtual and in-person)*

Attending class daily is mandatory and will be recorded in School Tool as per district policy. While you are learning synchronously you must attend the live class sessions following your student schedule. I will post your scheduled class time in Google Classroom as a reminder of when your daily lessons start/end. You will also find the Google Meet link in Google classroom for the live synchronous sessions. Please keep in mind that I must join the meeting first before the link will be live for students to enter the session. Please make every effort to use our daily live lessons to speak as much Spanish as possible -- the more you practice the easier it gets!

It is the responsibility of *the student* to seek out and make up any missed assignments in a timely manner!

Classroom Policies, Rules & Expectations (for both virtual and in-person instruction):

- Be respectful -- of me, of each other, of our classroom resources, and our time together
- Be responsible -- always do your best, complete all assignments in a timely manner, work daily to improve your Spanish skills, and ask for help if you need it
- Be safe -- follow all directions provided by me, the WCSD Code of Conduct, and the district's guidelines for online learning and class participation
- **The use of ANY online translators is forbidden in this class.** I will provide you with the link to an online dictionary you can use when necessary. I'd rather you try your best and make mistakes than submit work that is not your own! If I suspect a translator was used for any assignment you will receive a 0% for that assignment, and you will not have the opportunity to re-do that assignment.
- This is a class where your participation will enable you to better learn how to read, write, speak, and understand Spanish. You will be expected to verbally participate in both Google Meet sessions and in class (for hybrid).
- I will send out updates as needed to parents that wish to be part of my email list. ALL students will automatically be added to the list using their school email addresses.

Grading Policy:

- You will be graded according to the following:
 - Practice Work → this may include, but is not limited to: classwork, listening, reading, writing, speaking tasks, dialogues, etc. → 30%
 - Projects/Quizzes → 30%
 - Tests → 40%
- You will be asked to complete practice work, assessments, etc. in Google classroom. It is your responsibility to refer to it each school day.
- Please contact me if you need assistance completing work. **Extra help is from 1:15pm to 2:25pm by appointment only** since I will also have other obligations during this time as well. Extra help sessions will be conducted via a Google Meet session.

Class Supplies

Items you will need to bring to class (for hybrid learning):

- a section divider labeled "Spanish" in a shared binder
- one pack of pens and/or pencils (#2) - can use mechanical pencils if you wish
- a pencil sharpener (if you aren't using mechanical pencils)
- loose leaf paper
- one box of tissues

NO folders!

Items you will need to keep at home:

- a pack of crayons/markers/colored pencils (just one & whichever you prefer; to be kept at home)
- construction paper or blank computer paper (for projects)

This school year has begun like no other, but I am confident that we will all make it the best one yet! Let's work together to be kind to ourselves and others as we all begin learning remotely this year. Please feel free to email me to answer any questions that you may have.

Parents/Guardians: please retain a copy of this document for your records for reference throughout the academic year.