

WAPPINGERS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SPANISH GRADES 7 & 8
Señorita Rubin



¡BIENVENIDOS A LA CLASE DE ESPAÑOL!
Welcome to Spanish Class!

Learning a new language can be a very exciting and enjoyable experience. I encourage you to participate in and enjoy the many exciting and rewarding activities planned for this academic school year. Here is some information about my classes.

Spanish level I is spread over a two-year period in grades 7 & 8. The curriculum is centered on topics that are consistent with real life situations. Topics covered include: personal identification, family and family chores and activities, education, physical environment, clothing and shopping, house and home, food and meal taking, health and welfare, leisure-time activities, vacations and travel, and professions.

Our reference book is Así Se Dice. My website is <http://wappingersschools.org/Domain/814>. My e-mail address is allyson.rubin@wcsdny.org. You may contact me via e-mail or by phone if you have any questions or concerns. My phone number is 298-5200, extension 51144. I will be scheduling extra help for students by appointment only.

SUPPLIES: Each student is expected to purchase the following items:

1. a three ring binder with lots of loose leaf paper (Include 2 dividers labeled "classwork and homework" and "tests and quizzes.")
2. a three hole puncher to put in your binder
3. pens (blue or black ink only) and #2 pencils (with erasers)
4. a pencil sharpener
5. several packs of 3x5 index cards or post-it notes for flash cards
6. 1 large glue stick (to be kept at home)
8. a small box of crayons, markers or colored pencils (to be kept at home)
9. a Spanish-English dictionary (to be kept at home)
10. a box of facial tissues (to be brought to the classroom)

EVALUATION: Each student's grade will be based upon the following criteria:

- tests and quizzes: 50% (20% tests, 30% quizzes) - ALL tests & quizzes must be signed by a parent or guardian. You must make up any work that is missed!
- classwork and class participation (speaking quizzes and positive participation tickets): 35%
- homework: 10% (Assigned regularly and posted on my website daily. No credit will be given after 2 days and/or no credit will be given after homework is reviewed in class. There may be unannounced HW quizzes.)
- signatures: 5% (ALL tests and quizzes **MUST** be signed by a parent or guardian!)

*****Save your notebook for Grade 8!*****

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES AND POLICIES: Lifelong success depends in part on learning to make responsible choices. Students are encouraged to make good decisions regarding their behavior. All children deserve the most positive educational climate possible. Working together we will make a difference in the process. The plan below outlines our classroom rules and consequences for inappropriate behavior. They are:

RULES:

1. We are present, prepared, and on time every day.
2. We follow directions the first time they are given.
3. We pay attention when others are speaking.
4. We do our work without disturbing others (no packing up, passing notes, etc.)
5. We respect each other and each other's property.

CONSEQUENCES:

If a student breaks a rule, the following steps will be taken:

FIRST TIME:	Warning
SECOND TIME:	Stay 1 minute after class - write out rule, sign & date
THIRD TIME:	Teacher's choice: lunch detention, note in planner, letter home
FOURTH TIME:	Parent contact
FIFTH TIME:	Referral
SEVERE MISBEHAVIOR:	<u>IMMEDIATE</u> removal from class & referral to assistant principal

HOMEWORK: This year, in addition to posting homework assignments on my teacher website nightly, I will also be posting them on the Remind 101 app. Remind 101 will help keep you informed about classroom activities and assignments. It is a free service that lets me send quick messages via text, push notifications, or email to everyone involved with the class. We'll be able to stay in touch without revealing our personal contact information. Signing up for my messages on Remind 101 is easy.

To receive messages via text:

- Step 1 Text my class code to 81010 (Spanish 7 code: @srtarub, Spanish 8 code: @srtarubi)
- Step 2 Reply to the message from the Remind team with your first and last name, and you're in! Receive messages via push notification.

OR

To receive messages via push notification:

- Step 1 Download the Remind app on your Android or iOS device, or go to rmd.me/a to install the app.
- Step 2 Once you've downloaded the app, create a parent account with your email address.
- Step 3 Go to the Classes tab, tap the +, and enter our unique class code. (Spanish 7 code: @srtarub, Spanish 8 code: @srtarubi)

That's it! Thanks for signing up for my class on Remind! Here's some information that might be helpful:

- Your personal contact information is not visible to me or the school.
- I can send announcements to the entire class or direct messages in individual and group conversations (if the student is over the age of 13).
- All messages are recorded and easily accessible in case they need to be referenced in the future.
- Messages from my class will be sent directly to your phone or email account.

PLANNERS: Planners are great organizational tools. Planners **WILL BE USED** daily in Spanish class and will be checked for signatures on a regular basis. The planner will also be used to communicate with parents when needed. It is the **STUDENT'S** responsibility to write down assignments and to notify the parent and teacher if a note has been written.

MAKE-UP WORK: All tests, homework, and material missed must be made up within **3 class days**. Don't tell me "I wasn't here on Monday," on Thursday. You are responsible for what you miss due to an absence. Ask for help if you need it.

SUBSTITUTES: When you have a substitute teacher when I am out, please be cooperative and show respect at all times!

STUDY HINTS FOR LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

1. Learning a language is easy if you go about it the right way. This means you must be willing to do some steady work each day.
2. Listen and imitate. That's how you learned English!
3. Memorize! Practice, practice, practice until your new language is automatic.
4. Study out loud. This doubles your learning power. Act the words out. Never mind if your family things you are loco(a).
5. After doing your Spanish homework, study it again right before bed. Then in the morning while you're getting dressed, try to remember what you learned the night before. This is especially good for vocabulary and verbs. (Do this often, not just before a test!)
6. Make full use of class time. Don't daydream. Recite along with every student. Participate in all classroom activities.
7. Don't cram. Instead, work steadily day by day. It's just like learning to play a musical instrument. You must practice every day to become good at it. You building on what you learned the day before.
8. If you still need practice, use 3 X 5 index cards as flashcards. Put the Spanish on one side and the English or a picture on the other side. Test yourself, or play games with a parent or a brother or sister, until you have mastered what you need to know.

My goal is to work with my students to ensure their success in school this year. Please read this information together, then complete, sign, and return the attachment (next page) to me.

Respectfully,

Señorita Rubin

*****I look forward to meeting you at the Wappingers JHS Open House on September 19th at 7:00 p.m., and to a successful and rewarding school year.***

Mi nombre es _____

Please read the information on the previous pages and go over it with your child. Then have your child return this page to me after you have both signed it. This is due **no later than Monday, September 9.**

SIGNATURES:

I have read and gone over the previous pages with my child.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Signature of student:

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SPANISH Grade: _____

Student name _____

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____ phone _____

Mom/Guardian _____

Home phone _____

Work/cell phone _____

email _____

I prefer to be contacted by (check one): _____ phone _____ email

Dad/Guardian _____

Home phone _____

Work/cell phone _____

email _____

I prefer to be contacted by (check one): _____ phone _____ email

If there is any other information about your child that you would like me to know, please tell me in the space below.
