Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE)

Spanish Disclosure Statement

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**Course Description:**

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español! Welcome to Spanish class. Spanish is one the most commonly spoken languages in the world today. It is my belief that in order to learn a foreign language one must be immersed in that language. For this reason my classes will be taught in Spanish from beginning to end and very little, if any, English will be used. It is necessary that students get used to hearing, reading, writing and especially speaking Spanish for them to be able to fully acquire the language. Students will be required to do all of these things daily in this class as well as practice them on their own with a variety of different written, oral, individual, and group activities. Students will also be introduced to different cultures of Spanish-speaking countries throughout the world and their practices.

**Class Objectives and Expectations:**

In this class we will be following guidelines set by the Utah State Board of Education for each Level 1-3.

My goal is that students leave my class at the end of the year feeling comfortable using the Spanish language in conversation. Each level will cover different skills and concepts that will build upon the ones previously learned. In order for this to be accomplished the students will need to come to class every day ready and willing to learn. Spanish is a participation based class and full participation is expected of students in order for them to learn. Everyone in the class will have opportunities to use Spanish daily with their classmates.

While learning a language it is normal to make mistakes and sometimes feel frustrated. I encourage my students to TRY. It is okay to try and make mistakes because we learn from them. What is not okay is to not try. I expect my students to put forth maximum effort every day during practice times and on assignments so that come test time they will feel properly prepared.

**Materials:**

Students are expected to come to class prepared to fully participate each day with the following materials:

* *Cuaderno*—We will be **making** these in class. This is where you will **build** your language!
* Loose Leaf paper or notebook for assignments.
* A folder or three ring binders specifically for Spanish class for any handouts or assignments given.
* Pens or pencils to write with.
* Composition Book to keep a free write Journal (Level III only)

**Grading Scale:**

A 94-100 A- 90-93 B+ 87-89 B 84-86 B- 80-83

C+ 77-79 C 74-76 C- 70-73 D+ 67-69 D 64-66

D- 60-63 F 59 and below

Grades will be updated on a regular basis (at least weekly). Parents and students are welcome to get online to check grades at any time. If there are any discrepancies, please contact me to get the issue resolved.

**Academic Honesty:**

Students are expected to demonstrate integrity at all times. Any cheating, copying or plagiarism of any kind will constitute a loss of credit for that particular assignment/test/quiz and a possible referral to the school’s administration. Students will be grading one another’s assignments on a regular basis in this class and I expect them to do so honestly and to their full capabilities.

**Dress Code:**

SLCSE follows the Salt Lake City School District dress code and it will be followed at all times in this classroom. If anyone is not in accordance, they will be referred to the office to change. <http://www.slcschools.org/schools/documents/High-School-Handbook-ENGLISH.pdf>

**Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices:**

Cell phones and electronic devices such as MP3 players are not allowed in class unless I give specific instructions to allow them. If I see them being used without my permission they will be taken away and given to school administration according to school policy.

**Classroom Rules:**

* Speak Spanish!
* *¡Intenta!* Try!
* Be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings. (ATB/Bell Quiz)
* Bring all needed materials each day.
* Be respectful to me and to one another at all times.
* Listen and follow instructions.
* Raise your hand to ask or answer questions.

**Attendance:**

This class is a participation based class. It is extremely important that students attend class each day in order to receive full instructional and practice time. Students that miss class will miss participation points given during lessons. It is each student’s responsibility to get missing work, including notes, from a classmate or myself.

**Late/Make-up Work:** Each student will be issued two late work vouchers at the beginning of each quarter. These can be used to make up assignments or quizzes due to absences. If the student misses any assignments or exams due to a school excused activity they will not need to use a voucher to submit that assignment late. The student will have 1 week to make up the assignment from its due date. (Even if the day falls on a day when the student does not have this class.) Anything submitted after that one week time frame will get a 0 for that assignment. If a students is going to miss an extended number of days due to illness or other reasons it is that students responsibility to contact me to find out what will be missed.

**Hall Passes:** Each student will be receiving 2 hall passes at the beginning of each quarter. These hall passes may be used for the restroom or drinking fountain. This will excuse the student for no longer than 5 minutes. Any abuse of this privilege will result in a truancy and/or loss of the hall pass privilege. Any unused passes may be turned in for 5 extra credit points at the end of the quarter.

**Extra Credit:** Each day I will call for *Artículos*. Students are encouraged to bring current articles in Spanish or that are about Spanish speaking countries to share in front of the class. These articles can be taken from newspapers, magazines, and other internet sources. Students may also bring in Spanish music to play for the class. Each *Artículo* will be worth 1pt. of extra credit.

**Communication:** If for any reason you need to contact me, feel free to call the school at (801) 578-8226 (ext. 1073)

or email me at ryan.waddoups@slcschools.org. I will reply as promptly as possible. I will have “office hours” posted at my door, or you can make an appointment with me also. If there is an emergency, please contact the school.

Let’s have a great year! ***¡Sí, se puede!***

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2017 – 2018

Please read, sign and return by

Monday 8/27.

Please keep this disclosure for your reference. This page will become part of your *Cuaderno,* with your signatures, indicating that you have read and agree to abide by the policies and expectations set forth.

Mr. Waddoups

Parent/Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: (Email,phone #) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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At SLCSE, we develop thriving human beings with the kindness, integrity, background, and personal skills necessary to “Change Reality”. We are courageous, reflective, and persistent problem solvers who recognize that no failure is final. We fail forward. We take healthy risks to become comfortable being uncomfortable. We learn from our mistakes. We model empathy to take care of and serve our diverse communities. We use our transferable skills of curiosity, imagination, and adaptability to direct ourselves in our quest: as autonomous learners, critical thinkers, and ethical world citizens.