



SLCA SYLLABUS 2017-2018

SPANISH I

Mission Statement: SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission; proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

Course Description: Spanish I seeks to lay a foundation for continued Spanish study. Students will be introduced to the basics of grammar, pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading and writing. Students will also be introduced to various cultures in which Spanish is spoken.

Course Objectives: Upon the completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Converse and listen on everyday topics
2. Read on a primary level without the aid of a translation tool
3. Write with spelling and grammatical accuracy
4. Understand cultural characteristics of various Hispanic communities

Required Texts:

Avancemos 1 by Holt McDougal (provided)

Technology:

- **RenWeb:** RenWeb will be used to communicate major tests, vocab quizzes, and projects. Homework may or may not be available on RenWeb.
- **Email:** I will use email to communicate with students and parents. Please make sure that you have provided us with an email address that you check frequently
- **Internet:** Internet will be used for research, web scavenger hunts, web field trips, and streaming media activities. Assignments requiring the use of internet will be given to students with ample time to complete the project. If you do not have internet at home, consult your parents to make plans to access it at school, at the library, or some alternate location.
- **Online Translators:** While online translators can be useful at times, they do a very poor job dealing with the grammar we will use in class. I encourage student not to use them but to use their textbook, notes and their own skills instead.

Evaluation: By Semester

70 % Tests and Projects

20 % Quizzes

- Quizzes may be given 1-3 times a week. Therefore it is important to review information daily. Please be sure to ask questions or come by for tutoring if you feel that you do not understand the material.
- 10% Homework and classwork

Homework Policy:

- Homework and class work will make up 10% of the overall grade. Homework will be assigned and checked for completion. All students begin the semester with a 100% homework grade. For each assignment not completed, 3 points will be subtracted. For example, if three homework assignments are not completed, then the overall homework grade would be 91%. No credit will be given for late assignments.

Extra Credit:

- No extra credit will be offered, per school policy. However, the lowest (one) test grade and (one) quiz grade will be dropped at the end of each semester.

Test Make-up Policy

- If a student comes into school late and as a result has missed a test, the student will immediately report to the office to make-up that test. All other tests are made up during H block study hall in room 200 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Students may NOT miss a scheduled H block class to make up a test. Late test makeup: Ten points will be subtracted from the final test score for each week that a test is late.

Make-up work

- When students return from an absence, it is ***THEIR RESPONSIBILITY*** to find out what was missed. General rule: Ask your peers FIRST for notes or missed work, then, if they don't know, ask the teacher.
- If students have questions about make up work, they need to wait until the **end** of class to address them to the teacher.

Attendance

- Attendance will be taken promptly at the beginning of class
- The door will be shut when the bell rings. Anyone who arrives after that time will have to go to the office to get a tardy slip from the office.

Leaving the Class

- Use the bathroom and get water BETWEEN classes.
- Each student will only receive **4 (four)** bathroom passes per quarter.
- You MAY NOT leave the room to visit your locker or make phone calls. (NO exceptions)

Classroom Expectations:

- Follow all rules and procedures as listed in the SouthLake handbook.
- Respect your teacher and other classmates.
- Be on time, and be prepared for class with book, binder, paper, and pencils.
- No food, drink (except water), or gum in the classroom.
- Have a great attitude!

Honor Code:

- Students will abide by the honor code statement ***"I will do all my work to the best of my ability, to the glory of God, and I will neither give nor receive help on any assignment"*** for all assignments unless specifically exempted by the instructor. Violations of the honor code pledge will result in a zero for the assignment, and consequences will follow the school's policy on cheating. Examples of violations to this policy include, but are not limited to, giving or receiving help on any in-class or take-home test, essay, or quiz, plagiarism, and discussion of a test or quiz with students who have not yet completed that assignment.

Required Supplies:

- 3 ring binder. Solely for use in Spanish class
- 1 (approx. 120 pages) package of lined notebook paper
- Number 2 pencils

Optional Supplies:

- A 1-3 pounds bag of hard candy (jolly ranchers, smarties, lollipops, etc.) to turn in at open house. These will be used as class treats!