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Date: Period:

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Subject:

Teacher:

Classroom:

Extra help times:

Classroom Expectations and Procedures

- Be on time
- Be ready to learn and work
- Be respectful and courteous

Consequences: 1 = Warning
 2 = Detention
 3 = Parent Contact
 4 = Administrative Intervention

Academic Expectations

Learning to use a foreign language can be an exciting, enjoyable experience, but it requires time and attention on your part. Language is a habit, and, as such, needs a lot of practice for mastery.

Foreign language learning consists of five standards: (1) Communication, (2) Cultures, (3) Connections, (4) Comparisons, (5) Communities. In this class we will focus on all five goals to varying degrees.

Language acquisition requires learning a new habit, and therefore requires continual practice and repetition. Homework will be given 3-5 nights a week. In addition to any written homework assignments, it is always your responsibility to practice aloud what was covered in, as well as to review material covered previously. Homework is not always collected, but each student's work is checked daily for completion; assignments are usually self- or peer-corrected during class.

Assessments, both unannounced and announced, will be given often. Projects and tests may also be given at the end of each theme, or unit. Countywide final exams, with both oral and written components, are administered at the end of each semester for the Spanish 1A/B course and Spanish 2 A/B course and at the end of the year for the Spanish 1A, Spanish 1B, French 1A, and French 1B full year courses. In order to prepare for these assessments students should maintain an organized foreign language binder, complete all prior assignments for practice and preparation, review notes and vocabulary frequently, review flashcards (if applicable), complete all study guides provided by the teacher and be sure to clarify with the teacher what material will be covered on the assessment.

Grading Policy

Overall:

- Grades will reflect individual achievement of the MCPS performance indicators for each marking period, for middle school students in high school courses, objectives for the course are considered the objectives for the individual students.
- Each student's grade will be determined using the following percentages;
 - 10% homework/class work for practice and preparation,
 - 40% formative assessments
 - 50% summative assessments

Learning skills:

- Will be divided into two categories:
 1. Participation – asking questions, giving ideas, using feedback, and engaging in learning.
 2. Assignment completion – completing homework and classwork.
- Will appear on the student progress report

Late and missing work:

- Each assignment will have a due date. This is the date by which you are expected to submit the assignment. The grade will drop one letter grade if work is not turned in by the due date.
- The deadline is the last day an assignment will be accepted for a grade. In some cases, the due date and the deadline may be the same. Work not turned in by the deadline will be recorded as zero (0%). However after the deadline has passed, work, while accepted for review, will not be accepted for a grade.
- In order to receive credit for work completed it must meet the minimum required standard for the foreign language department. 50% of the assignment must be reasonably attempted according to each teacher's professional judgement.

Student work revisions:

- Students will be given opportunities to demonstrate mastery of objectives until the end of the theme sequence and at the discretion of the teacher. The last score will take precedence. Retake forms will be provided by each teacher. Students are expected to complete the form, attach it to the original assignment, and have a parent/guardian signature in order to be reassessed on an assignment. The retake form must be turned in the day after the original assignment is returned to the student.

Extra credit:

- MCPS grading policy does not allow extra credit.

High school credit for foreign language courses taken in middle school:

- The credit for foreign language courses taken in middle school is automatically entered onto the high school transcripts when students enter grade 9.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

