BRAZOS HIGH SCHOOL

SPANISH DEPARTMENT

Spanish 1 Syllabus 2025-26

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Bienvenidos!, Welcome to Spanish 1! I’m excited to begin this journey of learning the Spanish language and culture with you. In this class, we will focus on building Spanish proficiency through the three modes of communication—interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational—while developing all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Together we will also learn, experience, and appreciate the Spanish cultures around the world.

**Communication:** This is key for a successful year. You may contact me via email at any time. My email address is [pherz@brazosisd.net](mailto:pherz@brazosisd.net), you may reach me via phone at 979-478-6832. I will do my best to respond during my conference time or within 24 hours. Please join me on Sports You, I will also be sharing my link with the students and parents after receiving contact information via last page of the syllabus. For Information about class content you may visit my webpage on the BISD website. I would also encourage you to connect with the BISD parent portal to track grades and attendance with your student.

**Supplies:** pens (blue, black red), pencils (mechanical or wood) extra lead if using mechanical pencils, 3 packages of notebook paper (not college ruled), a 70 page spiral notebook and 3 packs lined note cards for vocabulary. You will be given a student folder kept in class and distributed daily. This does not go home.

**School Rules:**

**Phones:** AWAY FOR THE DAY SCHOOLWIDE POLICY (no head phones)

**Food:** No food allowed at any time.

**Restroom passes:** Student will receive 8 Restroom Emergency Passes per grading period (students are expected to take care of restroom needs during transition time)

**Student ID:** Students ID Badges must be clearly visible.

**Hat/Caps:** Hats or caps are not allowed

**Expectations;** *honesty, commitment, positive attitude, respect*

*If a student chooses not to comply with the below classroom rules and all school and district policies/ per the BHS Student Handbook, measures will be taken as needed according to the level of any offense. Student’s class conduct will be graded and comments posted on the report card. Communication will be open at all times.*

**Rules**:

1.     Be on time

2.    Be prepared

3.    Be Respectful - ALWAYS

4. Use your manners They are important, they cost you nothing, and manners make a difference!

5. Complete your work

**Absences**: If you will be absent for ANY extra-curricular event, please let me know via SportsYou, or email.

It is your responsibility to check with me for classwork assigned and class notes missed. If your absence is health related you must have a doctor’s note, clinic note, parent note, turned in to the office or emailed to Mrs. Alvarado, or Mrs. Demny, within 3 days, or it is considered unexcused. Attendance is important.

**Tutorials:** available during scheduled tutorial times (to be announced and posted on my webpage) you will need to attend IF: you are failing or needing to make up assignments due to absences (health or extra-curricular) or just need clarification If you are an athlete and are making a 75 or below you will need to attend tutorials as per the Athletic Handbook. Teachers are in contact with ALL coaches athletic and cheer, and organizational sponsors.

**GRADES/ TESTS: Grading will follow the guidelines set out in the BHS student handbook.** These will be based on daily work (notes, daily warm ups, exit tickets), paper assignments, listening, speaking, class participation. Major grades (tests) will be taken at three weeks, and six weeks. Major test grades below 70 may be corrected/or retaken during tutorials, 8th period, or by appointment. Class time will not be for individual makeups or work missed. The student will have 5 school days after the receipt of the initial graded paper to improve raise the exam score. Major tests will each count as 20% of your grade. Semester Exams will also be taken and be comprehensive. At the high school level semester exams WILL NOT allow for exam improvement.

We may also do projects during the year. Projects will count as major or daily grades depending on the length of time the project requires. NO extra credit opportunities will be given. I may offer bonus points on assignments

Grades are reported as numerical scores:

90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 69 and below =F NOT ALL work turned in =I

PROCEDURES FOR LATE ASSIGNMENTS

1 day late- maximum grade is 90

2 days late – maximum grade is 80

3 days late- maximum grade is 70

After the second day, if the student does not have the assignment, an effort will be made by the teacher to contact a parent regarding the missing work. If contact is unable to be mad, however, day 3 and following consequences still apply. After the 3rd day, if the student does not have the assignment, the student will receive a discipline write up as it will be considered defiance. The student will b assigned either a Saturday or afterschool detention at the discretion of the principal. A completed assignment will still be accepted by the teacher up until 3 days before the end of the grading period or a maximum grade of 50. After that point, if the assignment is not received, the grade will be recorded as a 0

*Percentages:  1. Daily work and others: 60%*

*2. Major tests and/or projects: 40%*

*Parent – Student Acknowledgement*

*By signing this paper, you are indicating that you have read, understood, and kept a copy of Sra. Stavinoha’s Spanish Class syllabus and will join the SportsYou App.*

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*Student name (printed)       Student signature                    Date*

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*Parent/Guardian name (printed)    Parent/Guardian signature    Date*

*Parent/guardian’s email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent/Guardian’s Phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Please indicate preferred method of contact: e-mail or phone if not joining SportsYou.*