

LWSBD – Gr. 10 Beginner Spanish
Course Outline

¡Hola y Bienvenidos a la clase de español con la Señora Elliott!

Querid@ estudiante,

¡Hola! You have made the decision to expand your horizons to a foreign culture and language. ¡Muy bien! Did you know that over 300 million people in over a dozen countries are native speakers of the Spanish language? Furthermore, with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the current trends of globalization, future employers will highly value the knowledge of the Spanish language and of the Hispanic culture you will be acquiring in this course.

This course will give you the opportunity to explore the Spanish language and culture through film, dance, music, internet and food. It will be exciting and fun but also challenging. To derive the maximum benefit from this course, you simply need to follow the **ROADMAP to SUCCESS** outlined below. I look forward to being with you this year and I know we will work together to make it a fun and exciting one!

Sinceramente,

Señora Elliott

Follow the **ROADMAP TO SUCCESS**:

RESPECT - Respect the right of others to learn and behave in a manner that does not interfere with this right. Listen respectfully – no put downs. Remember that it is better to make mistakes than not to try at all.

ORGANIZATION - Keep a tidy, organized notebook. It is wise to date your notes and use colour and underlining to highlight important points.

ATTENDANCE - Attend classes regularly and on time. Learning a language happens bit by bit, class by class.

DESIRE - Bring with you the desire to learn.

MATERIALS - Come with all the necessary materials (work sheets, workbook, binder, paper, pen, pencil, etc.) and a great attitude!

ASSIGNMENTS - Conscientiously do homework (written assignments, oral practice, reading projects, review and studying). Perhaps you could practice outside of class with a friend or family member. Why not listen to a Spanish radio station or watch Spanish language TV? The more you practice, the easier and faster you will learn.

PARTICIPATION - Participate wholeheartedly and do not be afraid to make mistakes. We learn from our mistakes!

TEXTS:

¡Dime! Uno, D.C. Heath and Company (replacement cost if lost, \$80)

COURSE OF STUDY:

This course provides students with the language learning experiences that will enable them to communicate in the language of study. Students will develop and apply their speaking skills in a variety of contexts, and will participate in activities that will improve their reading comprehension and writing skills. They will also explore aspects of the culture of countries where the language is spoken. (Ministry Of Education, *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9-10, Classical Studies and International Languages*, 2016.)

HOMEWORK POLICY:

Any homework assigned should be completed and brought to class the following day. There is a strong correlation between regular review and completion of homework and success in the course.

TESTING POLICY:

All learning will be evaluated using the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Large unit tests and assignment deadlines will be announced well in advance. In the case of legitimate absence, **it is your responsibility**, in addition to bringing the required note from home the day you return to class, to see the teacher and be prepared to write a make-up test or perform an alternative task as arranged. If you know in advance that you will need to complete a test outside of the regularly scheduled time, **you must make prior arrangements** with the teacher.

EXTRA HELP:

I encourage you to make an appointment with me if you need clarification or extra help on any of the material covered in class. Please attend the weekly lunchtime tutorial as often as you like.

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

Field trips and other cultural components of the course may incur additional costs. These events are an integral and enriching component of the course and every effort should be made to participate. If funding is a concern, please speak with me; no students will be excluded due to lack of funding.

EVALUATION POLICY:

See **Moderns and Classics Department Policy sheet** for more detail.

Final Marks Distribution:

Listening and Speaking	40
Reading and Writing	30
Summative Evaluation	30
Total	100

¡Hasta la vista! And here's to a great year!