

 COLD SPRING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

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COURSE: **SPANISH 4 / HONORS**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

SPANISH 4 HONORS IS A CONTINUUM OF LEARNING THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. TREMENDOUS EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE FINER POINTS OF LISTENING, SPEAKING, READING AND WRITING. THROUGH A VARIETY OF AUTHENTIC MATERIALS, PROFICIENCY LEVELS WILL INCREASE TO MEET THE STANDARDS ACCORDING TO CHECKPOINT B AND BEYOND OF THE REGENTS TOPIC OUTLINE. THIS COURSE IS A PREREQUISITE OF THE SPANISH 5 AP COURSE. STUDENTS WILL BEGIN TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE TESTING PROCEDURE FOR THE AP EXAM. SPANISH WILL BE THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN THE CLASSROOM. THE SPANISH HERITAGE AND THE SUBSEQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO OUR CIVILIZATION IN WHICH WE LIVE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED AND DISCUSSED. STUDENTS WILL RESEARCH THESE TOPICS FROM TIME TO TIME AND MAKE PRESENTATIONS.

THE COURSE WILL CULMINATE WITH A FINAL EXAM BASED ON ALL GRAMMAR, READING, WRITING AND SPEAKING EXPLORED DURING THE YEAR.

MATERIALS USED:

 AUTHENTIC SPANISH / HISPANIC REALIA FROM DIFFERENT SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

 SPANISH NEWSPAPERS

 ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS AS SUPPLIED BY TEACHER

 RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

CONTENT:

STUDENTS WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: VERB TENSE REVIEWS IN DETAIL, ALL SIMPLE TENSES AND FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THE COMPOUND TENSE STRUCTURE. WE WILL DELVE DEEP INTO THE WORLD OF THE SUBJUNCTIVE AND IMPERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE. MAJOR EMPHASIS PLACED ON COMMUNICATION IN TARGET LANGUAGE.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/EXPECTATIONS:

TO FOSTER A CONDUCIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STUDENTS FEEL COMFORTABLE AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE TARGET LANGUAGE ONLY. HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS ARE GIVEN ON A NIGHTLY

BASIS AND STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLY AND HAVE EACH ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY.

 STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE **exclusively** IN TARGET LANGUAGE

 STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE ON TIME

 STUDENTS MUST BE PREPARED

 NO GUM ALLOWED!

 CLASS PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY!

 EXTRA HELP IS GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE DAY: PERIODS 3, 6,7 OR 9

GRADING:

 STUDENTS MUST SPEAK TARGET LANGUAGE. A GRADE WILL BE GIVEN REGARDING SPANISH SPOKEN IN CLASS (20%)

 TESTS AND QUIZZES WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO ASSESS KNOWLEDGE OF VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

 HOMEWORK IS GIVEN EVERY NIGHT AND IS EXPECTED TO BE DONE. IF NOT, STUDENTS WILL LOSE 5 POINTS OFF CLASS PARTICIPATION.