# 8th Grade Exploratory Spanish Señora G. Walker

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# COURSE

**DESCRIPTION:**

The exploratory language course focuses on the importance of learning a foreign language and understanding of the culture(s) of some of the 22 countries that speak the language. It assumes that the students have minimal or no prior knowledge of the language and culture. An important component of cultural language class is the use of the language beyond the classroom in the real world. The integration of technology is an important tool in accessing authentic information in the target language and in providing students the opportunity to interact with native speakers. (https://www.gadoe.org)

In the course, students will focus on the four modes of communication of listening, reading, writing, and speaking in the target language, which is Spanish. Students will increase their awareness of cultural perspectives and practices associated with Spanish speaking countries, as well as make connections and comparisons associated with the Spanish language.

**\*\*\*\*SUPPLIES:**

Notebook or pocketed folder and plenty of paper, pencils/pens

**CLASSROOM POLICIES:**

Students are expected to follow all school policies on attendance, absences, and tardiness. These policies will be strictly enforced. Cell phones, gum, food or drinks are not allowed in class. Students need to be on time for class and prepared for the instructional time and activities.

Students are expected to complete all the assignments they are given.

**Richmond County Cell Phone Policy:**

**Richmond County is Disconnecting Distractions and Focusing on Futures.**

Starting on the first day of school, we are asking students to put away their cell phones and other digital communications devices from the time the morning bell rings to the time they are dismissed.

This policy aims to minimize distractions in the classroom and maximize instructional time. Below are some key points:

1. **No Cell Phones During Instructional Time**: Students cannot use cell phones, smartwatches, headphones, or other electronic communication devices during the instructional day. This includes class periods, changes, study halls, and other structured or non-structured instructional activities.
2. **Devices Must Be Out of Sight:**All electronic devices must be stored out of view during the instructional day. This applies to all areas of the school, including common areas, hallways, restrooms, and locker rooms.
3. **Emergency Communication:** In emergencies, students may use the main office to make necessary calls. Parents and guardians can also contact their children by calling the school’s main office, where staff can relay urgent messages. Our anonymous Safety Tip Line is also available to share concerns about student or school safety at (706) 828-1077.

# GRADING:

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| **Minor 60%** | **Major 40%** |
| Classwork/HomeworkQuizzesPerformance Assessments | TestProjectsPresentations |

***CLASSROOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:***

**Makeup Work:**

I will not pursue you for makeup work, the responsibility is yours. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASK FOR AND COMPLETE MAKEUP WORK EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER CLASS.

**Classroom Rules and Expectations**

1. Come in the classroom quietly.

2. Start on the Bellringer.

3. Tardiness: If you are tardy, do not interrupt the class. Come in the classroom, drop the excuse on the teacher’s desk and find a seat.

4. Come to the class prepared with something to write on and with.

5. Complete any assignments given by the teacher.

6. Do not to interrupt the teacher when she is giving a lesson. That means do not get up to sharpen pencils or anything while the teacher is giving the lesson.

7. Respect your classmates and your teacher at all times.

8. Raise your hand and wait for the teacher to address questions/comments.

9. Sit properly with legs remaining under the table at all times.

10. Follow the Freedom Park School student rules and handbook/code of conduct.

11. Five min before the bell rings, look around and make sure your area is clean. Leave the classroom when the teacher dismisses you. You will leave the classroom quietly in an orderly manner.

12. Keep your hands to yourself.

13. **Cell phones must be put away out of sight and sound off**. If I hear or see it, I will take it and keep it until the end of the period. If it keeps happening, I will collect the phone and turn it in to the office.

**Rituals**

1. Arrive to class on time and prepared
2. Greeting/Salutation - ("Buenos días / Buenas tardes")
3. Enter classroom quietly and orderly
4. Begin Bellringer
5. Begin lesson/continue previous work
6. Submit work quietly / Collect trash / Straighten desk
7. Teacher dismisses the class
8. Students leave classroom in orderly manner
9. Respect others (students and teachers)
10. Submit your papers in these bins
11. Absent-pick up work here

**Rewards**

1. Treat / food
2. Movie (Spanish)
3. Game Day
4. Outside

**Behavior Steps**

1. Warning
2. Separation from peers (time-out or refocus area)
3. Teacher/students conference
4. Call parent from classroom
5. Call for removal to the office to be seen by an Assistant Principal

**Student and Parent Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) have read the Course Syllabus for Spanish and understand all material within. I am aware that the information may change at the teacher’s discretion and that if there are any changes I will be notified. Additionally, I agree to follow the rules and procedures specific to this classroom. I understand the consequences of not following the rules and procedures.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Completion of this signature page is the first Homework grade.