

Sydney Academy
Communication Plan/ Course Outline
2009-2010

Teacher: Ms. H. Pierre

Course: Spanish Ab Initio 11 and 12

Course Description:

Spanish ab initio is a demanding subject that requires intense study and focus. The overall objective of this course is for students to achieve communicative competence in a variety of everyday situations. At the end of the IB Spanish ab initio course in grade 12, candidates will be expected to demonstrate ability to:

- Communicate information and some basic ideas clearly and effectively, in a limited range of situations.
- Understand and use accurately the essential spoken and written forms of the language in a limited range of situations.
- Understand and use a limited range of vocabulary in common usage.
- Use a register that is generally appropriate to the situation
- Show an awareness of some elements of the culture(s) related to the language studied.

This course will satisfy the second language requirement for IB Diploma candidates and may also be taken as an IB Certificate course.

Students absent from class, for any reason are **still held responsible** for the work missed during that time. Regular, on time attendance is not only encouraged but is essential to student's success. Our school has an automated dialer program, which sends a phone message that a student has missed a class. As well, regular phone calls will be made if a student has continuous unexcused absences.

It is important to note that as a school policy, there will be no make-up tests or assignments due to unexcused absences. Students who miss assessment practices due to an unexcused absence will be given a mark of zero.

Student Assessment:

Participation

Written Assignments

Homework/classwork

Individual/group projects

Oral Presentations

Tests/final exam

Evaluation: Students will be evaluated on the following for their final mark

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Test | 20% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Tests/Projects/Assignments | 40% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oral presentations | 10% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Final Exam | 30% |

Students and Parent/Guardians should note that a progress report will be sent home in November. This progress report will include the comprehensive exam worth 50% and the remainder of the mark will be from continuous assessment.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at Sydney Academy at 562-5464 or via email at hblanc5@staff.ednet.ns.ca