**Palmer Middle School**

**Course Syllabus – Spanish Culture Connections**

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### I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This Connections language course focuses on the introduction of communicative competence in Spanish and understanding of the culture(s) of the people who speak the language. The major means of communication between student and instructor will be in the target language.

### II. UNITS OF STUDY:

The course is divided into thematic units: School and Classroom, Home Life, Leisure, and Countries and Culture. The course is uniquely designed to reflect students’ developmentally appropriate interests.

**III. STANDARDS:**

The following Foreign Language standards will be taught (a complete description of each strand can be found on [www.GeorgiaStandards.org](http://www.GeorgiaStandards.org) under Modern Languages Connections Middle School Grades.

* Communication Interpersonal Mode of Communication (IP)
* Interpretive Mode of Communication (INT)
* Presentational Mode of Communication (P)
* Cultural Perspectives, Practices, and Products (CU)
* Connections, Comparisons, and Communities (CCC)

**IV. METHODOLOGY:**

The methodology and learning activities in Spanish class will consist of oral presentations, cooperative learning projects, performance based tasks such as role-playing and skits, peer writing and review, vocabulary games, song and rhyme making, web quests and other online assignments, reading groups, listening stations, games, etc.

**V. EVALUATION AND GRADING**

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| **Grade Weights** | **Grading Scale** |
| **Summative Assessments: 55%**  *Tests, Projects, Speaking Exams*  **Formative Assessments & Activities: 30%**  *Classwork, Quizzes, Participation*  **Culture Digs: 15%** | A 90-100%  B 80-89%  C 74-79%  D 70-73%  F below 70% |

**VI. Academic Honesty:** The use of online translators for ANY assignment is not allowed and is considered dishonest work. Plagiarism, copying assignments from classmates, friends, relatives, either from books or internet web sites, is also considered to be dishonest. In the event that dishonest work is turned in, a zero will automatically be given for the entire assignment or project. The use of a dictionary is considered acceptable.

**VII. Synergy**

Synergy is the new grading system for Cobb County. You will be able to continue to monitor academic progress, behavior, teacher comments, etc. Please make sure to contact the school to obtain your access code in order to keep up with your student’s progress via ParentVUE.

# VIII: MAKE UP POLICY/ABSENCES:

Students with excused absences must make up all missed work in accordance with Cobb County School policy. It is the responsibility of the student to get any missed class lecture notes from another student unless a handout was given by the teacher. It is your responsibility to schedule a time to make up tests/quizzes and other productive paper skills work within 10 days of your excused absence. If you do not make up the work within 10 days, your grade for the missed assignment/quiz/tests/projects will be replaced by a zero.

**IX. STUDENT SUPPLIES: (required)**

One section in student binder dedicated section for Spanish:

3 X 5 Index Cards

Highlighters

Markers

Glue sticks

Headsets/earbuds

Spanish / English Dictionary (optional)

# X. CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:

All rules stated in the student handbook, this syllabus, and posted in the classroom will be enforced.

In addition, the safety of everyone and the right to receive an education must be protected.

**EXPECTATIONS**

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| **Be Respectful** | Follow directions the 1st time. |
| **Be Responsible** | Come to class prepared. |
| **Be a Solution** | Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself. |
| **Be an Achiever** | Keep your area clean and tidy. |

**Spanish Connections Syllabus Signature Page\***

We (my student and I) have read and understand the rules and procedures set for Señora Blankstein’s Spanish class. We agree to comply with all conditions and procedures as stated within this syllabus and the Student Handbook. We also understand that if we have any questions at any time, we may contact Señora by e-mail (taylor.blankstein@cobbk12.org).

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