

# Beekmantown High School

## Course Outline

### *Spanish 5 - Mr. Madan*

### *2007-08*



#### **Overview**

In this class you will continue to learn to speak, understand, read, and write in the Spanish language. This is a fifth year, high school class so, it is presumed that you know the basics of Intro. Spanish 7th & 8th or Spanish I, Spanish II, III and IV. Whenever possible, this class will be conducted in **Spanish**. We will start with a brief review and work our way to being able to write better, read & understand more advanced literature and hold more advanced conversations in Spanish. This course is the second of two designed to prepare you for college-level language credit through either the Advanced Placement Exam (AP) or the College Advanced Placement Programs (CAP). You have the option of earning college credit through these programs or regular high school course credit. Students enrolled for AP credit will also attend an extra lab period on Day 2 during third period. You are not expected to be a fluent speaker by the time you finish this class but, you should be more than just able to "survive" in Spanish if you had to.

#### **Requirements/Materials**

**Attendance** - Each student is required to be in class every day unless they are legally absent from school. Class time and work missed due to an absence is **your** responsibility to make-up. If you are absent on the day before a quiz or exam, I will allow one extra day to take the quiz or exam. If you are absent on the day of a quiz or exam, I will allow five (5) days from the day you return to school to make it up. **After 5 days a grade of "0" will be given.** Please consult the **Make-Up Testing Board** behind my desk to see if you have missed a quiz or exam.

**Notebook** - Each student is required to have a notebook for this class. It is best to have a 1.5 to 2.0 inch thick **three (3) ring binder** or a section of a larger binder filled with loose leaf paper. Please have your notebook by **Friday, September 14th.**

**Spanish Dictionary** - You will need a **good**, Spanish/English dictionary. Any of those that are full paperback size (4" x 7") are acceptable. Electronic translators are not worth the investment as they offer limited context. You will find a dictionary useful when completing writing assignments. Please have your dictionary by **Friday, September 14th.**

**Textbooks** - We will be using **Abriendo Paso: Lectura & Gramática**. This consists of two separate textbooks, one of which you may keep in the classroom when not being used. You are expected to have your textbook(s) in class every day (unless told otherwise) and keep them in good condition. Please have your textbook(s) **covered** by **Friday, September 14th.**

#### **Grading**

**Quizzes & Exams** - After each unit/lesson in the textbook you will have a quiz. These quizzes take from 30-40 minutes to complete and you will usually have at least 1 lesson quiz every 2 weeks. There will also be practice Regents Exams from time to time. All tests make up approximately **60%** of your quarterly average.

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### *Grading (Continued)*

**Homework** - Homework will be given just about every day and will always be checked on the following day. These assignments may include textbook exercises, workbook exercises, or worksheets. Students are required to complete all assignments. Most homework will be graded using a "check" system. Each assignment completed on time will receive a check which is worth 5 points. Assignments that are completely incorrect or illegible will receive "0" points. From time to time, assignments will also be graded with a percentage in class. Homework makes up approximately **25%** of your quarterly average. You can also find out what the daily homework assignment is on the Internet at **www.SpanishPlanet.org**.

**Class work** - From time to time, in-class assignments will be given. These may include textbook or workbook exercises, group work, listening exercises, or writing assignments. These may receive either a check or percentage grade. Class work makes up approximately **15%** of your quarterly average.

### *Miscellaneous Information*

**Extra Help** - Students in need of extra help should see me after school in Room 160. I am there Monday through Thursday (unless I have a required meeting) until at least 3:00 pm and am happy to help any student. You may also e-mail me, **MrMadan@SpanishPlanet.org** any time for any type of help or questions. I advise that you not wait until the end of a marking period to ask for help.

**Make-Up Work** - Students are required to make-up all work missed for whatever reason. The best time to do this is after school in Room 160 as it is difficult to find an empty classroom throughout the day. Students will not be allowed to make-up work during class time. Class notes, worksheets and other materials can be downloaded and printed from the internet at **www.SpanishPlanet.org**.

**Assignment Due Dates** - Assignments are due by the beginning of the class period on the specified date. **No late homework assignments will be accepted.** Projects turned in late will have the grade automatically reduced by 10 points for every day late. Extensions will only be granted for sickness or other documented reasons.

**Submitting Assignments via E-Mail** - Assignments that would normally be completed on notebook paper may be turned in via E-Mail. The assignment must reach my mail box by class time on the due date. Send your completed work to **MrMadan@SpanishPlanet.org**.

**Online Gradebook** - You may access your grades at any time online by visiting **www.SpanishPlanet.org** or through the BCS web site [www.bcsdk12.org](http://www.bcsdk12.org). You will need to remember your password to access your grade records. New grades are uploaded on a weekly basis.