

## Contact Me

Spanish I  
Señor Sikkenga  
2017-2018 School Year

- Phone: 941.999.4775
- E-mail: brandon.sikkenga@sarasotacountyschools.net
- Room: 201
- Website: mrsikkenga.weebly.com

## Course Description

Spanish I is an eighth grade course for high school that builds on the foundations that students built in 7th Grade Spanish. In this course, students will continue to bolster their communicative skills in Spanish (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) as well as compare and contrast cultures of the Spanish-speaking world to their own culture. Spanish I incorporates technology and a variety of different types of media (music, video, etc.) in order to give students the opportunity to become more acclimated to the Spanish language and culture.

## Classroom Expectations

1. **Be prompt and prepared** - Come to class on time with all necessary materials each day.
2. **Be respectful**...to yourself, your classmates, Sr. Sikkenga, and the classroom.
3. **Take responsibility for your own learning** - If you need help, please ask. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make it up.
4. **Speak Spanish as much as possible** - Like with a sport, you are only going to improve your Spanish by practicing it often.

## Leaving Class

Students will have **3** opportunities to leave class to go to the bathroom or their locker per 9 week grading period, so it is advised that they use their passing time wisely. Students may not leave class, however, in the middle a teacher-directed portion of the lesson or prior to completing their warmup at the beginning of class.

## Necessary Supplies

The following supplies must be brought to class every day:

- Writing Utensils (pencil and pen)
- Highlighter
- Executive Function Binder
- Planner

## Grading

Students' grades will include the following categories:

- **50%** - Formative Assessment:
  - Quizzes
  - Classwork
- **40%** - Summative Assessments:
  - Tests
  - Projects
  - Presentations
- **10%** - Employability:
  - Homework

## Late Work

Any work that is turned in late will be marked down 25% per school day that it is late.

## Absent Work

It is the student's responsibility to find out what they missed if they are absent for any reason. Students can find out what they missed by looking at my website or the Google Calendar and can pick up any missed papers by looking in their class's While You Were Out Bin. They will have one day for every day that is missed to complete and turn in makeup work. If a student missed a quiz or test, they need to talk to me to schedule a time to make it up.