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## 2020-21 Class Syllabus

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8th Grade

Spanish I

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<https://spanishlab.weebly.com>

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**HOLLY GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



### **Class Rules:**

- Be respectful
- Be prompt
- Be prepared (Notebook and pencil are required daily)

### **Student Expectations**

.Participate frequently and willingly in all discussions & class activities.

.Turn in assignments on time.

.Practice what is taught in class on their own in order to increase retention and progress fluency.



### **Areas of Study**

- Unit 3: How am I educated? (Talk about school life)
- Unit 4: How do I spend my time? Talk about free time activities and places in the community)
- Unit 5: Let's eat! (Talk about foods and restaurant vocabulary)



### **Grading Categories**

Tests & Take-home Projects 40%, Quizzes and In-class Projects 25%, In class work 25%, Homework 10%



### **Needed Supplies**

-Folder or binder, notebook, pencils, paper (loose-leaf), index cards (100) 3x5

Items for the class: 2 boxes of tissues, Disinfecting wipes, Hand sanitizer



Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions [efolkman@wcpss.net](mailto:efolkman@wcpss.net)

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### Academic Policies & Information

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- **Grading Scale:** The grading scale for HGMS will be the same as it reads in WCPSS Board Policy as far as what constitutes an A (90-100%), B (80-89%), C (70-79%), D (60-69%), and F (59% and below).
- **Basic Notation in PowerSchools:**
  - /-- A placeholder to signify that no work is/was completed or turned in; the student may still complete the assignment. Please note that this place holder counts neither for nor against the student's overall grade but will significantly impact a student's grade once converted to the earned grade or to a "0" for not completing the assignment.
  - O/F** Signifies that no assignment was completed or has yet to be submitted to the teacher, and the assignment will now count as a "0." The teacher *may* allow (teacher discretion unless an excused absence) this assignment to be completed/turned in late; the assignment may incur a penalty.
- **Late Work Policy:** Students may turn in late work, with a penalty of no more than 20% off for each assignment that is late. No deductions will be applied for any earned score below 60%.
- **Grade Improvement Policy:** Any student who earns below 80% on a classroom unit assessment may retest for Grade Improvement. Any 6th grade student who earns 59% or below on a classroom unit assessment will be required to retest. Any 7th or 8th grade student who does not pass a course for the quarter, will be required to complete retests for the following quarter in that course, if necessary. Students who earn below 80% on a major assessment due to points deducted for being late are not eligible for Grade Improvement.

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### Additional School Information

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- **PTSA/Amazon Smile:**

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- **Weekly Updates from Principal:**
  - Ms. Dilts will send out a weekly update via School Messenger each Sunday morning. These updates will also be posted on our school website, weekly.
- **Retention Letters:**

- At the semester break, the intervention team will review the progress of students, and communication will be sent regarding potential retention and meetings will be scheduled with parents/guardians.