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This Spanish class, like many in the Denver Public Schools, uses **COMPREHENSIBLE INPUT (CI)** methods. Receiving quality **INPUT**, by listening and reading, is the easiest and most painless way to learn a language. For additional info on this teaching method, please visit my TJ wikispace and click "What is CI?"

Because receiving quality input is so important, **students are expected to attend class daily**. Attendance and participation (involved attendance) make up the largest portion of grades in this class (Interpersonal Communication, 60%), 10 points per week (2 points per day). Successful students **ATTEND** class physically and mentally.

The expectations for the participation points are as follows (and are posted in the class):

In order for students to earn 2 points per day, the student MUST:

- use only Spanish during class instruction time.
- be involved in learning by volunteering, gesturing, reading, answering questions.
- sit up straight with eyes on the "action" and **HANDS EMPTY** (all distractions put away)
- **not** have side conversations of any kind, no matter how helpful they may seem; not shout out thoughts, especially in English
- bring supplies daily (planner, pencil/pen, visible ID).
- follow TJ rules and policies regarding attendance, food, drinks, electronics, dress code, etc.

Students earn 0 points for the day if they:

- make no effort to use Spanish
- just sit, and do not participate physically or verbally
- chat with others
- sleep in class
- do not track the action with their eyes
- have food or drinks visible in class. Only water in a closed bottle is allowed.
- have electronics visible/audible in class, including ear buds and headphones.
- are tardy 15 minutes or more (excused or not).
- are absent (excused or not), because students will not receive quality input when not in class.
- do not follow TJ rules and policies.

Students also earn points for work done in class, quizzes and tests. Most quizzes are not announced in advance, but are easy if you are paying attention.

Other than studying the daily vocabulary, there is almost never any homework in this class!

What to do when absent:

- ✓ Any missed quizzes/classwork/reading can be made up on Wednesdays during office hours, or by appointment. CHECK IC TO SEE IF YOU MISSED A GRADED ASSIGNMENT!
- ✓ Understand that some in-class work cannot be replicated at home, so not all missing work can be made up.
- ✓ Because they are not receiving quality comprehensible input, students cannot make up missed participation points!

What will we do in Spanish class this year?

- Read\* novels together and independently.
- Watch videos and “movie talk” them in Spanish.
- Practice a variety of conversations and “small talk”
- Lots of reading and listening. Not so much writing at first.
- LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN\* to...
  - stories
  - music
  - readings
  - videos
  - LA PROFESORA BARBER

\*Because listening is our first step in acquiring a new language; and reading is the next step! This is INPUT!



**LISTENING and  
ATTENDING are  
KEY!**