



Welcome!ようこそ!Bienvenidos!

I. What will we do this year?

Scan this QR code with your device (or enter this URL) to see what we will do! http://pvhs.chicousd.org/subsites/Michelle-Martin/index.html



II. Materials:

Daily Supplies: Bring to class everyday:

- 1. Pen (Spanish) or Pencil (Japanese) and a good eraser (all work in pencil!)
- 2. Highlighter and red pen
- 3. 3-ring binder with 3 tab dividers (for this class!) and at least 200 sheets of wide rule paper
- 4. A composition book (wide rule)
- 5. 4 packages of 3X5 cards and cut them into $\frac{1}{4}$ (about 200 cards per unit X8 units)
- 6. Printed matter: Workbook/ handouts/ textbook and completed assignments each day!



Supplies you will use at home:

1. Scissors

- 2. Markers, colored pencils or crayons
- 3. Ruler
- 4. Spanish or Japanese dictionary (online access or book)

III. Textbook and online resources:

Spanish: In Spanish our textbook is available online. There are also many games, videos and grammar explanations linked on my Spanish 2 website.

Japanese: You will have a textbook for Japanese which you will bring to class every day. There are also many practice activities linked on my website.



IV. Tips for Success: Learning a language is a *process* and some days will be easier than others. I encourage you to seek help as soon as you are feeling overwhelmed or frustrated. As a teacher, my goal is for you to learn to be confident using Spanish/Japanese and to enjoy the language and culture! This **new** language will become part of your everyday life. Each day you will read, write, listen, speak and learn in the language. Try to find a goal beyond "getting into college" or "passing the class." *Finding a personal goal will help you to be successful.*

- Ask questions often.
- Speak SP/JP as often as possible.

- Don't be afraid to make mistakes.
- Study and use language every day.

V. Homework, Studying and Grades: You will need to study each day by doing a review of the lesson and a **preview** for the next day's lesson at home. If you have a question or concern about your grade, please set up an appointment as soon as the concern arises. There is no extra credit in this class.



Assessment (65%) We will have many assessments in class, both formal and informal. The majority of your grade consists of your performance on these assessments. You must demonstrate proficiency on these assessments to pass the course.

Speaking (25%) Because this is a language class, all students will do individual and group oral presentations both in front of the class and individually. Students are expected to speak the target language in class, even between activities.

Work (10%) Expect to have homework and classwork every day and occasionally on the weekends. There is no partial credit for partially complete or incorrect homework. If you have difficulty with an assignment you will be required to attend **Tutorial** to get extra help.

VI. Support: Tutorial and Study Sessions

I believe in extra help not extra credit. The Foreign Language Department offers Tutorials and Study Sessions.

Tutorials are:	Study Sessions are:
 Mixed languages and levels 	 Offered by language and level only
 A place to study for an upcoming test 	 An opportunity to review and preview targeted
 A chance to get individualized help 	material
• An opportunity to make up an absent assessment	 A chance to meet study buddies from other
 Sometimes required and sometimes optional 	classes

VII. Attendance: Come to school and arrive on time.

Planned absences: (This includes sports, student government and club activities; field trips; doctor or dental appointments (even if you only miss this class); and family trips out of town during the school year.) All work is due **upon your return** so get your work (including appointment to make up assessments) before you leave. **Unplanned absences** (Illness or accident): You have as many days to make up work as you missed. I do suggest, however that you email me so that you will know what you missed and what you need to make up.

VII. Procedures:

1. Be in your seat with all class materials on your desk before the bell rings.

2. No gum, candy, drinks or food. Water in your water bottle is allowed.

All electronic devices are to be turned off and stowed before the bell (including headphones and ear buds.) All school rules will be enforced (please read the sections on electronics, tardies and clothing carefully.)
 Always respect your fellow classmates and your profesora/ sensei.

IX. Contact: I am happy to meet with you and your student to answer any questions. First homework Send me an email this week to say HELLO! Email is the best way to contact me and I usually respond the same day: mmartin@chicousd.org Note: If your contact information in Aeries is incorrect we have no way of contacting you with good news from school or the case of an emergency. Please check tonight!

Parents: You're invited to Back to School Night !*Thursday, September* 5th. Please email me and let me know if you can attend.