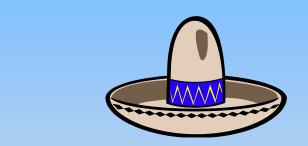
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BENEFITS **OF** STUDYING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

LISTENING SKILLS – Foreign language study has been shown to enhance listening skills and memory, contributing a significant additional dimension to the concept of communication.

READING SKILLS – In the area of language arts, students of second languages are thought to improve their reading comprehension in the native language and also score higher in reading achievement.

HIGHER SCORES – During the past several years, data from the Admissions of Testing Program of the College Board definitely show a positive correlation between SAT scores and the study of foreign languages.

<u>CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING</u> – Students develop and understanding, openness to, and appreciation of other cultures.

<u>CAREER DEVELOPMENT</u> – Learning a foreign language provides a competitive edge in career choices.

FUN!

Spanish I/French I is studied over a two year period. The first half is done in 7th grade and the second half is completed in 8th grade.

One Credit in Foreign Language is Necessary to Graduate from High School in NYS

Requirements to pass this course:

*Student must pass final exam AND the course to receive one high school credit.

*Student will repeat a foreign language class if they do not pass this course.

To obtain an Advanced Regents Diploma in NYS, there are more requirements. Three Units of Foreign Language Study is one of the possible paths that can be taken to fill some of the requirements. Three consecutive years in the same language would need to be taken.

When graduating from OPHS, a student who completes criteria demonstrating proficiency in a World Language, will receive a New York State Biliteracy Seal on his/her High School Diploma.

How is a student graded in this course? 15% homework/preparedness (I believe in appropriate homework) 85% performance (tests, quizzes, letters, projects, cultural readings, etc.)

ALWAYS feel free to contact me with any questions at jschunk@opschools.org or call at 209-6220.

Extra Credit Opportunities

- 1. Create a study guide for every test or quiz.
 - = 2pts each time -- this really adds up!
- On every test or quiz, write the heading in the language and in cursive.
 I help students develop this!!!! = 1pt
- 3. Attend French and/or Spanish Club. = 5pts

Final Exam Information

LISTENING 34 points

SPEAKING 30 points

READING 20 points

WRITING 16 points

Please do not plan a vacation during the end of June. If a student misses the exam THERE IS NO MAKE-UP DATE! He/She will not get the high school credit and may need to repeat the course.

When: end of June

Final exam is worth 100 points.

It is 20% of overall average.

MRS. SCHUNK'S ONLINE TEACHER PAGE!

Set up by Units that are studied in both 7th and 8th grade!

What will you find on my teacher page?

*Notes Packets that are filled in for every unit studied 7th and 8th grade. If students don't have their notes from 7th grade, they will find them here!

*Homework Packets!

*Games/Activities/YouTube Videos/Power Points to practice vocabulary and grammar!