

Dear Parent(s) &/or Guardian(s):

My name is Heather Yordy and I will be teaching your student Spanish this semester. I would like to take this opportunity to provide my contact information and share a few important items.

The first day of school your child will receive a very important hand-out. The course syllabus will enable your student to be successful in my classroom. It has all of the important information you and your student will need to know, such as grading procedures, classroom expectations and required materials.

Also important to your student's success in my class is to stay on top of all assignments and material. Homework varies from class to class, but it would be prudent for the students to bring their Spanish materials home at least three times a week to be continuously reviewing the material. It is highly recommended that students complete flashcards for they help tremendously with the vocabulary. Extra credit will be give for completion of the flashcards.

While I do not allow retakes on quizzes or tests, I do allow the students the opportunity to raise any grade lower than a 70%. This can be done twice a semester. They simply come in and we discuss the grade. Then they make corrections – telling me why they got the wrong answer and what the correct answer should be. It is an opportunity to relearn the material and discuss where they may have gone wrong.

If you have not received the log-in information for PowerSchool, I encourage you to do so. I update the grades often and that is an excellent way to monitor progress. Please also make sure to take a look at the teacher website (<http://www.dormanhigh.org/academics/departments/foreignlanguage>). On that page you will find important information as well as helpful links that students can utilize to practice at home.

I am looking forward to this semester! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Email is the best way for me to communicate, so please send me an email anytime! I look forward to hearing from you!

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