

LA PALABRA DE HONOR



Las clases de español de IPHS

Because practice is required to learn a second language, and because I wish to make as much progress as possible during class, I pledge:

- To use only Spanish when I speak to the teacher;
- To use only Spanish when I speak to my classmates;
- To use Spanish exclusively from the time I enter the classroom until I leave it after the bell rings for the end of the period.

I understand that the following exceptions are allowed.

- When I do not know a word in Spanish, I may use the following phrase: «¿Cómo se dice _____?» and use an English word in the blank. The teacher may help me or may ask me to look the word up in the dictionary.
- The teacher may give limited grammar explanations or examples in English when concepts are especially complex.

Furthermore, I understand that I may speak to the teacher in English in the hallway before or after class and during tutorial times (7:40-8:00 & 3:30-4:00) when I have questions that I am unable to express in Spanish.

I understand that I will be given a bag of “pesos” to begin each semester and will lose some every time I speak English in class. I may also win pesos through games and activities or by catching my teacher speaking English in class when not completely necessary. Whatever “pesos” I have left at the end of the semester can be “spent” at the class auction to get prizes. I understand that if my refusal to cooperate and speak in Spanish becomes a disruption, I will receive other consequences according to the teacher’s rules regarding respect and effort.

Most importantly, I understand that speaking and hearing Spanish as much as possible is the best way for me to improve my Spanish skills, increase my proficiency, and thus make a good grade.

Yo doy mi palabra de honor que usaré español exclusivamente en la clase.

Firma

Fecha

Mis padres han leído y comprenden la importancia de mi palabra de honor y firman:

Firma de uno de mis padres (A parent's signature)

Fecha