

**2012-2013 Course Syllabus****Course Description:**

World Languages is a 7th grade ENCORE class lasting nine weeks. Students focus on vocabulary development as well as cultural awareness and respect. The class utilizes Spanish and German languages and cultures as the vehicles for skill growth. Coursework will be graded primarily on completion. World Languages encourages self-reflection and personal development.

**Course Content:**

\*Vocabulary units: greeting and courtesy phrases, colors, alphabets, numbers, and cognates.

\*Cultural studies: geography, celebrations in German- and Spanish-speaking countries, borrowed or transferred traditions, immigration and a country research project.

**Course Expectations:**

- Come prepared for class everyday with pen/pencil, folder, homework, class materials
- Sharpen pencils, use the restroom, get a drink, etc. before class begins.
- Stay seated unless given permission to stand or you are dismissed.
- Raise your hand and wait to be called upon before speaking.
- Wait your turn and listen patiently as classmates are speaking.
- Show kindness to others at all times.
- The Be's: Be yourself. Be on time. Be prepared. Be responsible. Be respectful.  
Be ready to learn and have fun!

**Class Policies:**

**Academic Integrity:** Character is essential to success both in school and beyond. Therefore, plagiarism, cheating, or any other form of sharing, borrowing, or stealing of words, visual data, photographs, videos, or ideas without proper citation will not be tolerated. This policy applies to all assignments, projects, and assessments for this class, as well as all online or other translation tools.

**Participation and Responsibility:** Students are expected and encouraged to actively participate in classroom activities. Students are also responsible for coming to class prepared with all regularly needed materials on a daily basis. Being organized will help students keep up with daily activities and assignments. By participating and being responsible, students will find it easier to master the content of each lesson.

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**Attendance:** Daily attendance and participation are necessary to successful learning and completion of this course. Students are required to be in class physically and mentally every school day as students contribute to their own learning and the learning of others.

**Missed work:** Absent work is the student's responsibility and is due promptly upon return. Homework calendars are updated daily both online and in each classroom. Any missed handouts are located in the appropriate bins in the classroom. The student has the number of days they were excused to make up the missed work. Missed quizzes must be made up within three days of a student's return to school.

**Late work:** Every assignment is to be completed and submitted at the beginning of class on the day for which it was assigned in order to receive full-credit. *Homework assignments* turned in late will earn half-credit the first day late and zero credit anytime past one day late. *Projects* turned in late will receive partial credit – 10% off for each day late.

**Gum & Tardies:** Gum is not allowed in World Languages since it hinders students' ability to talk clearly. Being tardy to class means being anywhere other than in one's seat when the bell rings. Three gum or tardy violations will result in disciplinary action, following the ENCORE policy.

**Grades:** Grades will be available online through PowerSchool. I will update as often as possible.

**Extra Credit:** "Extra Credit" is a privilege offered only to students who complete all homework assignments as they are assigned. Extra credit is offered periodically throughout the course or potentially upon students' requests.

**Contact:**

I will contact parent(s) if a student reaches three missing assignments. Comments will also be posted on the PowerSchool grade book to communicate.

Please contact Mrs. Simoncelli if you have any questions or concerns. My email address is: [tsimoncelli@burlington.k12.il.us](mailto:tsimoncelli@burlington.k12.il.us) The current class website is: <http://tsimoncelli.weebly.com>.

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**Please sign below to show you have read and understand the syllabus. Detatch & return this portion.**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_