

## Class Information & Syllabus

**Instructor:** Ms. Cooper

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**Room Location:** 202

**Course Website:** [www.fairmontschools.blackboard.com](http://www.fairmontschools.blackboard.com)

**Textbook(s):** *Realidades 1*, 2014, Pearson

*Realidades 1* Leveled Vocabulary and Grammar Workbook, 2014, Pearson

**Course Description:**

WL5011: Spanish I CP\* 5 credits per semester, yearlong course

Prerequisite: None

Grade level: 9th—12th

This course introduces the foundation skills for listening, reading, writing, and speaking activities. An emphasis is placed on reading and listening comprehension with activities designed to teach language in authentic contexts. Students strengthen their writing skills and improve on their speaking skills through regular classroom practice. Students will further their understanding of the diverse cultures of the Spanish speaking world.

**Course Units:**

Theme 1 My friends and I

Chapter 1A: What do you like to do?

Chapter 1B: What are you like?

Theme 2 School

Chapter 2A: Your school day

Chapter 2B: Your classroom

Theme 3 Food

Chapter 3A: Breakfast or Lunch?

Chapter 3B: Staying healthy

Theme 4 Hobbies

Chapter 4A: Where are you going?

Chapter 4B: Do you want to come with me?

Theme 5 Family celebrations



Chapter 5A: Birthday party

Chapter 5B: We're going to a restaurant!

Theme 6: The house

Chapter 6A: In My Room

Chapter 6B: What is your house like?

Theme 7: Shopping

Chapter 7A How much is it?

Chapter 7B What a gift!

Theme 8 Experiences

Chapter 8A: On Vacation

Chapter 8B: Helping in the community

Theme 9 Media

Chapter 9A Cinema and TV

Chapter 9B Technology

## Conduct

**Fairmont Code:** At Fairmont, we provide a safe environment where all members of our community show respect and kindness to one another and protect and honor each other's rights, dignity, and individual differences.

**Academic Honesty:** Students are expected to do their own work.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and all forms of cheating will result in a "zero" grade and will be referred to administration. Plagiarizing, cheating, and copying between multiple parties will result in all involved students being referred for disciplinary action.

**Cell Phone Policy:** Use of cellular phones during class hours is prohibited, phones may be used at break and lunch only or with teacher permission only.

## Blackboard/My Backpack/Course Materials

**Blackboard:** This class uses Blackboard as a course website:

<https://fairmontschools.blackboard.com>. *In general, homework and assignments will be written on the board and/or announced during class and will be posted to Blackboard. On Blackboard, you will find a section called "Course Schedule & Homework". There you will find a semester overview as well as a weekly schedule. Check it daily to find up to date information for the course. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WRITING DOWN HOMEWORK AND ASSIGNMENTS POSTED ON THE WHITEBOARD IN CLASS AND FOR CHECKING BLACKBOARD DAILY FOR ASSIGNMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OTHER COURSE MATERIAL.*

**MyBackpack:** Use Mybackpack for checking your grades for this class. You will be expected to know how to access your grades via the Internet using the school's web-based grade program. Ask the registrar or a member of the Education Department (located next to the library) for help if you have trouble using the website. You should be comfortable checking your grade via internet by the first week of class.

Letter Grade percentages are as follows:

A+ = 100–98	A = 97–93%	A- = 92–90%
B+ = 89–87%	B = 86–83%	B- = 82–80%
C+ = 79–77%	C = 76–73%	C- = 72–70%
D+ = 69–67%	D = 66–63 %	D- = 62–60 %

### Course Materials/Supplies:

College-ruled Notebook  
Realidades 1 Textbook  
Realidades 1 Leveled Vocab & Grammar Workbook  
A divider/section in your binder for Spanish class  
Pencils/pens/highlighters/markers

## Grading

### **Grade Weighting:**

#### **World Languages: Spanish**

*30% Tests*

*20% Quizzes*

*20% Participation*

*15% Projects*

*15% Homework/Classwork*

#### ***Semester grade = Course work (80%) + Final Exam/Project (20%)***

*The semester grade will be calculated with the final exam contributing 20% of the grade and the above components making up the other 80%.*

### **Final Exam:**

*The final exam will be a summative assessment of units covered in the semester.*

### **Tests and Quizzes:**

*All tests and quizzes will be taken during our regularly scheduled class meeting. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced (pop quizzes) and may cover material from previous classes or from assigned reading/homework. All tests will be announced, with dates posted on the course website (Blackboard). Make-up tests may be given in the Prep Plus Make-Up Test Center, unless arrangements have been made with Ms. Cooper. Please speak with Ms. Cooper if you have missed an exam.*

### **Homework/Classwork:**

*Assignments will be given and described in detail in class and will only be listed with their due date on Blackboard. In some cases, assignments may be completed during class time (classwork). Other assignments will be given as homework. In this class, assignments from the workbook will be the majority of the homework assigned.*

### **Late work:**

*Late work will be accepted for partial credit. Projects, papers and presentations that are turned in late will be marked down 5% each day they are late. Remember, any credit is better than a zero!*

## Attendance and Classroom Behavior

### School Attendance Policy:

- Work missed due to suspension or unexcused absences will result in a "zero" grade and cannot be made up.
- Missed class participation credit due to absence cannot always be made up.
- A student will have two days for each excused day absent to complete make up work.
- 12 or more absences during one semester (excused or unexcused) will result in a grade of zero on any missed assignments. "Work" includes all classwork, homework, projects, quizzes and tests.
- Student absence due to a school related activity (sports, competitions, field trips, etc.) does not count towards the school attendance policy.
- Teachers will notify parents or guardians after the 3rd and 5th absence. Counselors will contact parents or guardians for absences 6,8, and 9. Dean of Students will contact for all absences after 9.

### Absences:

Should you be absent any given day, it is your responsibility to check Blackboard and with classmates for any missed work and to turn it in within two days of an excused absence. No work will be accepted for unexcused absences.

**Language in Class:** *Spanish* is the target language that is to be spoken in the classroom.

### Classroom Rules: [Insert your policy here]

Example: Fairmont Preparatory Academy School rules apply for this class. In general, please be respectful of all people and materials. Please familiarize yourself with the FPA Code of Conduct regarding dress code policy, behavioral expectations, cheating and plagiarizing as described in the FPA student handbook. You will be expected to be familiar with the policy by the first day of school.

A few highlights include:

**FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS.**

Electronic devices should be used with instructor permission. Electronic devices must be used only for instructional purposes under the guidance of the instructor.

During tests and quizzes, students may not use any graphing calculators, translators or other devices that allow programming.



**Bathroom Use:**

*Breaks are given between classes. You will only be excused from class to use the restroom with a pass from the teacher. Do not leave class for extended periods of time, as this will result in missing class material. If you have a medical condition requiring special consideration, please contact me at the beginning of the year.*

**Signature Required**

Please sign below indicating that you (the student) have read and understand this course syllabus. Please have your parents/guardians sign as well.

We have read and accept Ms. Cooper's class expectations. We understand the FPA 2018-2019 school wide attendance policy.

Student name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Host name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Host signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed form by **August 24th 2018**.