



Imlay City Middle School

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Dear Middle School Parents and Guardians,

Your student is currently enrolled in Spanish I at Imlay City Middle School. Unlike previous Spanish classes at the Middle School, students will remain in Spanish throughout the duration of the school year.

Spanish I course provides a traditional Spanish I curriculum to those Middle School students who would benefit from an accelerated Spanish course. Since the creation of the Spanish I course at the Middle School, much work is being conducted to align the course with the Spanish I course that is offered at Imlay City High School. Imlay City High School will provide your student the opportunity to earn one high school credit toward graduation with the successful completion of the course in 8th grade. In addition, successful completion of the course will provide your student with an opportunity to progress more quickly through the Spanish course sequence at the high school (for example, your student will be eligible to enroll in Spanish II as a Freshman, with one foreign language credit already completed toward graduation).

Successful completion of the course is defined in this manner: Students must "pass" each semester in Spanish I. In order to "pass" each semester of Spanish I, a passing grade in at least **two** of the following *per semester* is required: Marking Period One (graded), Marking Period Two (graded), and a Semester Exam (all students will take an exam at the end of each semester, which will be a comprehensive exam of the Spanish content covered during the semester).

Standard grading as established by the teacher will indicate the extent to which the student has acquired the necessary learning. Generally speaking, students are assigned grades quarterly (marking period) based upon test and quiz results, homework, projects and classroom participation. Teachers may place a different emphasis on these areas in determining a grade based on their importance in assessing the necessary learning. The grading scale established by Imlay City Middle School will be used to determine letter grades.

Students who successfully complete the course may earn one foreign language credit toward graduation, to be reflected on the High School student transcript. This credit will be designated as a "P" (passing) on the student transcript. This denotes credit earned. Middle School grades (A, B, C, etc.) earned **will not** be used in the calculation of the high school grade point average (G.P.A.) or high school class ranking and will not appear on the High School transcript.

Students who do not successfully complete the course according to the guidelines detailed above will need to enroll in either Spanish I or French I when they enter the high school.

We believe this will be a great opportunity for your student! I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Cowger, Mrs. Hibbler, the High School counseling staff and the Spanish teachers at the high school for working on this endeavor on behalf of our students. If you have questions in regard to this opportunity, please feel free to contact me at (810) 724-9811.

Sincerely,

Pat Brown
Principal
Imlay City Middle School