 Italiano 1 

**Course Description**

At this level the primary emphasis is on developing listening and speaking skills in Italian.

Students also practice reading and writing. Students talk about everyday situations using simple

questions and short answers at the phrase or sentence level. Cultural awareness of Italy is an

integral component of the course.

**Student requirements**

Students taking this course will be expected to:

* attend class in compliance with the school district attendance policy.
* come to class prepared to work with any supplied handouts, notebook, and pencil.
* speak Italian with the teacher and classmates.
* write in Italian
* pay attention in class.
* ask questions when necessary.
* study, practice, learn new words and phrases, and review daily.
* do homework, complete assignments, and satisfactorily pass quizzes and tests.
* reinforce classroom activities using library and/or technology.
* interact in Italian with community members and utilize community resources as possible.

**Units of Study**

A minimum of five units of study will be completed. Vocabulary and structure are presented in context and transferred to reading, writing, speaking and comprehension.

**Grading Policy**

Quarterly grades are based on a “total points” system – students receive points for all class work, class participation, tests, quizzes and projects and the final grade is simply “points earned” over “points possible”.

**Web Site**

The class web site will be the main form of communication regarding class work, homework and announcements of test and quizzes. The web site address is:

<http://italianowestchester.yolasite.com/>

**Testing Days and Procedures**

Students will be given a study guide at least four school days in advance of any test. Once a test is announced all students will be expected to take the test on test day unless they have been absent the entire time since the test announcement was made.

**Test/Homework Make Up Policy** Students should make up any missed work as soon as possible. It is up to the student to check the class web site every afternoon to see what they missed while away and to download any papers they need.

Quizzes and Unit Tests must be made up within three school days of the student’s return to school. Students should see the teacher to set up an acceptable time to make up the test/quiz.

**Homework Policy**

Homework must be 100% complete and on time to receive credit; **no credit will be given for partially completed or late homework**. Students who miss class should make sure they make up the homework within the number of school days they were absent. Written homework will not be given before tests or quizzes. You may check the web site every night to find out what was assigned for homework that day as well as what was done in class.

**Computer Access**

Students should have access to a computer with internet an internet connection so that they can view the class web page and do other computer based projects and assignments. In the event a student does not have a computer and/or an internet connection they should see the teacher privately to make other arrangements.

**Other Assignments**

All written projects and oral presentations are counted as project grades. Projects must be turned in on the due date, late projects will be docked 10% per day that they are late.

**Class Participation**

I consider this the most important aspect of the course. One cannot learn a language without using the language. Students will be expected to *actively* participate in class. This means knowing what the class is doing at any given moment, volunteering to answer questions orally in class, volunteering to read answers from the homework, etc… Class participation also includes the student’s behavior in class. Are they adding to the class or subtracting from it via their behavior, attitude, or level of enthusiasm? Students will be awarded participation points on a QUARTERLY basis based on the attached rubric.

**Grading Procedures**

Grades are based on both oral and written work. Homework, projects, quarterly exams, and class work are all included in a student’s grade. Grades are weighted per the scale provided above.

**Behavioral Expectations**

Mutual respect and courtesy are expected at all times.

**Practices and Standards**

The class period will be utilized to its maximum each day. Students should be prepared for class each day with all necessary materials.

**Electronic Devices**

Cellular telephones, iPods, MP3 Players, etc… are **not permitted** in class. Students will be warned once, subsequent offenses will result in a teacher detention and/or the student will be written up.

**Online Translators**

Translators are not to be used for any reason unless a student has the teacher’s express written consent.

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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE COURSE DESCRIPTION AND THE HANDOUT ON THE WCASD WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT POLICY ON CHEATING.

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

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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