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The Meaning of Class Participation

As we discussed on the first day of school, class participation is a large part of your grade in Spanish. When you participate actively in class, you progress in the language and positively affect the progression of your classmates. Think of Spanish class as a team sport. If only a few players participate, the entire team loses; much better results are achieved if everyone pitches in to the best of her ability.

Your participation grade is based on the following considerations:

- You come to class on time
- You have all of your books and your homework is ready to turn in, even if you were absent the class before
- You are quiet and respectful before and after the bell rings
- You do not open or turn on your computer unless directed by the teacher
- You are always attentive in class. You don't put your head down on your desk, turn around in your seat, or chat with your friends.
- Your teacher never has to tell you to pay attention or be quiet
- You volunteer to answer questions or write your homework on the board (this is not the same as being called on)
- You pay attention when your classmates are speaking, just as you do when the teacher is speaking
- You aren't afraid to speak up because you know that your ideas are important!

If you have any questions about class participation, don't be afraid to ask your teacher. She will also be happy to update you on your progress from time to time.