

Local Chapter Updated Bylaws for Los Bolívares at JCHS

National Spanish Honor Society

Effective as of 2019

I. HONORS REQUIREMENTS:

A. SENIOR GRADUATION HONOR CORDS AND SERVICE HOURS:

In order to receive graduation ceremony cords as a Senior as a member in good standing, along with maintaining an A average in Spanish classes:

ALL members of the los Bolívares James Clemens HS chapter of the Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica) will be required to complete **at least 5 service hours that are related to helping the Spanish-speaking and/or Hispanic local and/or worldwide community on an annual basis.**

Service hours that are not related to this will not be counted or accepted as counting towards the annual 5 service hour minimum requirement. Documentation of the completed annual 5 service hours is required to be submitted and approved each spring semester, including in the semester of graduation for Seniors.

B. SENIOR GRADUATION HONOR CORDS AND HONOR AVERAGE:

In order to receive graduation ceremony cords as a Senior as a member in good standing, Seniors must have maintained at least a 90% average across all of the Spanish classes that they have completed. There will be a minimum of levels 1 and 2 in order to be inducted into the SHS, and thus, in order to receive honor cords for graduation.

C. JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES HONOR CORDS & SERVICE HOURS:

1. Juniors and Sophomores who are in good standing at the time of their graduation ceremonies will be allowed to receive honor cords for graduation during that semester of graduation, not before that time.
2. In order to receive graduation ceremony cords as a Senior as a member in good standing, along with maintaining an A average in Spanish classes:
3. ALL members of the los Bolívares James Clemens HS chapter of the Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica) will be required to complete **at least 5 service hours that are related to helping the Spanish-speaking and/or Hispanic local and/or worldwide community on an annual basis--meaning, during each annual year of their high school membership.** Service hours that are not related to this will not be counted or accepted as counting towards the annual 5 service hour minimum requirement. Documentation of the completed annual 5 service hours is required to be submitted and approved each spring semester, including in the semester of graduation for Seniors.

D. JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES AND HONOR AVERAGE:

1. In order to receive graduation ceremony cords as a Senior as a member in good standing, Juniors and Sophomores, as well as Seniors, must have maintained at least a 90% average across all of the Spanish classes that they have completed. There will be a minimum of levels 1 and 2 in order to be inducted into the SHS, and thus, in order to receive honor cords for graduation.

II. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

1. Active and inactive member classifications

- a. **active** - currently taking/enrolled in Spanish 3 or higher, or leveled out of all available Spanish classes offered
 - b. **inactive** - not currently taking/enrolled in Spanish 3+
- 2. Only active members will be allowed to be elected officers in SHS
 - 3. Only active members will be allowed to vote and participate in scholarships

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Active members in good standing who are eligible to run for office in SHS will:

- Declare an intent to run for office annually at the beginning of the fall semester
- Be up for election to be decided on by other active members in good standing
- Fully understand the role of the office to which they are elected
- Fully carry out the responsibilities of that office, including participation in meetings, completion of the annual minimum 5 service hours, and leadership activities in the World Language inductions ceremonies for that school year

*If any active member in good standing, for example, a transfer student, wishes to contest the current officers for their positions, or wants to run for a position, please make your intention known now.

**No inactive member, even one in good standing, is eligible to be elected or vote.

III. INDUCTION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Along with meeting the requirements of the National Bylaws for eligibility for Spanish Honor Society, you must meet the following local requirements:
 - a. Complete the eligibility check Google Form and meet the eligibility requirements

- b. Complete and return the Spanish Honor Society application form that you will receive with a letter of invitation to join the SHS if you are found to be eligible. Letters are typically sent midway through the Spring semester regardless of when you fill out the Google Form
- c. Pay on time a one-time lifetime-membership fee that covers membership, cords, and certificate, as well as helping to cover costs of inductions ceremonies (only to be paid once, in the semester of your induction; not an annual fee to be paid each year of your membership)
- d. Complete and return your induction ceremony invitation slip (along with your application form) that will provide information about:
 - i. Your understanding that you **MUST** attend the induction ceremony in order to receive your certificate and eventually in order to receive your graduation cords as a Senior
 - ii. How many people will be attending in your honor
 - iii. Any other pertinent information that is relevant for the particular induction ceremony for that semester

*Note: Special ceremony circumstances may occur where an in-person ceremony is not possible, in which case an alternative ceremony may take place. Your attendance is **STILL REQUIRED**