



The National World Languages Honor Societies

Saint John's Catholic Prep Chapter



French and Spanish National Honor Society

By-Laws



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Constitution and Bylaws

Article I- Names

Our society is a combination of two national and international academic honor societies that promote the study of world languages in high school. The French Chapter “**L’union fait la force**” of la Société Honoraire de Français and the Spanish Chapter “**Lima Rimac**” of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica are sponsored by AATF, American Association of Teachers of French and AATSP, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Article II- Purpose

The purpose of the French and Spanish Honor Society is to recognize high achievement in French and Spanish by students at our high school and to promote continuity of interest in French and Hispanic culture and studies.

Article III- Requirements for Membership

1. Candidates should currently be in Level III or higher French or Spanish courses.
2. Candidates must show exemplary character.
3. Candidates must show dedication to service and leadership activities and also must show interest either as an individual and/or as a group in the advancement of the French or Spanish Language.
4. Candidates must have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher in French or Spanish during the semester of selection. Students must have maintained an honors average as well for all work awarded (in the language) in high school.
5. Candidates must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the academic year, and provide the information with their latest report card.

Article IV- Officers

Nominees for the Society’s Executive Committee will be taken during the fall semester; The Society’s members will vote on the nominees. By a majority of votes, the newly elected Executive Officers will serve for a year.

President- will organize and preside over all meetings, including those of the Executive Council. He/she will meet with the advisor to create an agenda before each meeting. Assists the advisor with Chapter functions as needed.

Co-President- will Conduct meetings in the absence of the President. He/she will assist the President and act as the public relations person for the Society. He/she will inform members of upcoming events and meetings through email and flyers.

Secretary- will make room reservations when needed. He/she will keep minutes of all meetings, take roll, and maintain correspondence as needed.

Treasurer- will deal with the finances of the Society. He/she will propose and assist in fundraisers and will process all dues. He/she will check monthly with the business office and report on the Chapter’s financial status at meetings.



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Article V- Initiation Ceremony

A formal initiation or induction ceremony will be held once a year. It will be organized and conducted by the Executive Officers with the assistance of all other members. Students will be notified by a letter distributed to them during their World Language class and/or email that they have been accepted and with the date of the induction ceremony.

Article VI- Cost of Membership

The yearly dues for membership will be \$10 dollars for current members and \$15 for new inductees. These funds will be allocated for the Society's expenses including the initiation ceremony.

Article VII- Meetings

The regular meetings will be decided upon at the beginning of each semester since members' schedules may change. Attendance is required. At our meetings, we will discuss upcoming events, service opportunities, and school activities related to the promotion of second language learning. Members are expected to attend all mandatory meetings. If a member has three unexcused absences it will result in his /her dismissal from the NLHS.

Article VIII- Service Contract

As a member of the Society, you are required to achieve a minimum of 40 service points for the year 2024-2025.

Article IX- Rules of Conduct

Society is an honorary organization that upholds impeccable character and leadership skills. If at any time a student's academic record, character and/or leadership is in question, the Society will adhere to the following dismissal procedures:

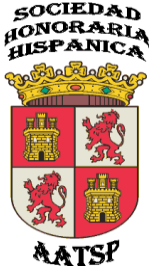
- A. A student who falls below the standard which was the basis for his/her selection will be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser. He/she will have one month to correct the deficiency.
- B. If the deficiency is not corrected within one month, the case will be presented to the faculty council for review.
- C. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member will have the right to a hearing before the faculty council. The student will be notified in writing by the faculty adviser. The memo will apprise the student of the impending dismissal and the student's right to a hearing.
- D. The faculty council may dismiss a member by majority vote.
- E. If a member is dismissed, he/she will be notified in writing by the faculty advisor and the principal.



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Article IX- Amendments

When an amendment is needed, the president must discuss the changes with the advisors. In turn, the advisors will discuss the changes with the Council. Once an amendment is approved, the president will present it to the membership for final consideration.



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Date: October 13, 2024

Advisor: _____ – World Language Teacher

SERVICE CONTRACT 2024 -2025

As a member of the French and Spanish National Honor Society, it is my duty to serve my school and my community as a positive role model, as well as to continuously demonstrate a passion for learning about other languages and cultures. As a society member, I understand that it is my responsibility to achieve a minimum of 40 service points each year that I am a society member. If I successfully complete this obligation, I will wear my honors cords with pride at the Saint John's Catholic Prep Graduation Ceremony.

The list below explains how I can work towards the 40 service points required for the French and Spanish National Honor Societies.

- **Club Officer** (15 points) *A club officer is responsible for organizing all group meetings, sending out e-mails and meeting reminders, collecting and depositing dues, and heading the induction ceremony. Officers are required to attend all meetings unless approved by one of the club advisors.*
- **Project Leaders** (10 points) *As a project leader, you are responsible for organizing and promoting various activities that will promote the French and Spanish language and culture.*
- **Event Participation** (5 points each) *You will receive service points for attending any of the Honor Society's events. You will also receive service points for participating in the Induction Ceremony.*
- **Club Meetings** (1.5 points each) *Club meetings will be held twice a month unless there is an upcoming event that requires us to meet more frequently.*
- **SJCP language support** (4 points each session) *Occasionally, your language teacher will ask you to support other students during Enrichment or after school.*

Points cannot be transferred from year to year. 40 service points that must be earned every year.

Student Signature

Parent Signature



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The standards used for selection and maintaining membership are:

- **French /Spanish 3 or higher**
- Must be enrolled in (or intend to be enrolled in) **French /Spanish** for all four years of high school*
- Maintain a minimum cumulative weighted 3.5 GPA.
- Maintain a minimum weighted 3.5 GPA in French or Spanish classes.
- Receive 40 participation points per year.
- Members are expected to be present at all meetings and communicate in a timely manner of any pre-scheduled conflicts. Any student with 2 unexcused absences at monthly meetings will be dismissed from the application process and/or chapter.
- Exemplifying Saint John's Catholic Prep's Core Values of ***Faith, Leadership, Scholarship, Honor, and Service*** always.

Once a member has completed the above requirements, the individual will be inducted into an honor society. One must remain in good academic and behavioral standing to remain an active member. Any student that falls below standing will enter probation status until they fulfill their expectations for good standing. Seniors who do not maintain their standing during their spring semester will forfeit their honor society cords at the graduation ceremony.