



SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPÁNICA
José Luis Girao Chapter
Jackson High School

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Mission Statement/Purpose:

The purpose of the *Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica* is to recognize high achievement in Spanish by students of Jackson High School and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies.

Selling Points/Description:

- Membership in the Spanish Honor Society: The *Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica* (SHH) is sponsored with the AATSP, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.
- Official recognition that can be included on college applications
- Program recognition at graduation for active members
- Possible eligibility for scholarships and national awards

The honorary has at present over 1,700 national and international chapters.

Upon induction, new members will be awarded a certificate of membership with a gold seal stating membership in the *Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica*.

Graduating members will also receive red and gold honor cords to be worn at graduation.

Goals/Requirements:

To be eligible for the *Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica*, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Students must be enrolled in a Spanish IV or AP Spanish class.
- Transfer students must have spent one full semester in the program before eligibility.
- Students must have a 3.3 overall average in Spanish classes. **NOTE: Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, the required grade point will be 3.6.**
- Students must be of good character and not have had recorded incidents of cheating, plagiarism, misconduct, insubordination or intentional dishonesty.

Those eligible will then complete the necessary application materials by the due date established by the *Asesora*, or chapter sponsor. Induction will take place in mid-October or November.

- Once inducted, members must engage in an activity from each of the following categories (every year): Academic Commitment, Community Commitment, and Global Commitment.

Membership terminates if:

- the student is no longer enrolled in a Spanish class.
- the student's Spanish cumulative GPA falls below 3.3. **NOTE: Beginning in 2010-2011, the required grade point will be 3.6.**
- the student no longer meets the qualifications listed in the considerations above.

Dues/Fees:

- The cost of membership is a one-time fee of \$15 due upon notification of acceptance.
- Students will participate in fundraisers to cover other expenses of the ***Sociedad***.