Constitution and Bylaws

**Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica**

**Any High School “Español” Chapter**

**Any City, New York**

**Article I. Name and Classification**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization is the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, also known as

“SHH.” The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica is a national organization.

**Section 3.** The chapter of SHH at Any High School is named “Español”. This chapter recognizes all bylaws of the national society.

**Section 2.** The purpose of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica is to recognize high achievement in Spanish and Portuguese by students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian studies.

**Article II. Qualifications for Membership**

**Section 1.** To be eligible for membership in the SHH, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Student must be actively enrolled in an upper level Spanish class (Spanish III or higher)
2. Student must have completed at least three semesters of Spanish.
3. Transfer students must have spent one full semester in the program at Any High School before eligibility.
4. Student must have an overall GPA of 85% or higher.
5. Student must have a cumulative Spanish average of 3.5 or higher from all previous courses.
6. Student must never have failed a class due to attendance.
7. Student must have a good behavior record and no discipline issues on record.

**Section 2.**  The Spanish teachers of the upper level classes will offer applications to all students. Students who believe they meet the qualifications in Section 1 may apply to join the “Español” chapter.

**Article III. Application and Initiation**

**Section 1.** During the first few weeks of school, the Spanish teachers of the upper level classes will offer applications to all students.

**Section 2.** Potential SHH members complete a form for admission to give to the SHH chapter sponsor for consideration by the application deadline.

**Section 3.** The Spanish teachers and SHH sponsor meet to confer on the candidates and come to a consensus of the new members for initiation.

**Section 4.** The SHH sponsor will meet with an Assistant Principal should there be a concern in behavior and/or discipline of a student.

**Section 5.** Acceptance and congratulatory letters will be sent to candidates approximately 3-4 weeks before the initiation ceremony. The letter explains about mandatory attendance at the two orientation meetings for new initiates and the ceremony protocol.