

**The Constitution and Bylaws  
of the  
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica  
Capítulo Ana María Matute  
  
Brookwood High School  
Snellville, GA**

**Article I. Name and Classification**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization is the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, also known as the Spanish National Honor Society, and shall be referred to in this document as "the Society."

**Section 2.** The purpose of the Society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish by students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies.

**Article II. Qualifications for Membership**

**Section 1.** To be eligible for the Society, students must meet all of the following criteria:

Student must be actively enrolled in a Spanish class.

Student must be enrolled in the second semester of Spanish III or higher.

Transfer students must have studied one full semester in the program before eligibility.

Student must demonstrate high achievement in Spanish by either maintaining a semester grade of 90 or above for five semesters or having an average of 93 or above for a minimum of three semesters.

Student must plan to continue the study of Spanish through their senior year or through the study of A.P. Spanish Language.

**Section 2.** Eligible students must successfully complete the application process and be recommended by their Spanish teacher(s).

**Article III. Application and Initiation**

**Section 1.** The Spanish III, IV and A.P. teachers will invite eligible students to apply in January after the first semester grades are published.

**Section 2.** Potential members must fill out an application for admission and complete an interview in Spanish.

**Section 3.** The interview panel will consist of members of the Spanish Department.

**Section 4.** Acceptance letters will be distributed to those applicants who successfully complete the application, interview and have the recommendation of their Spanish teacher(s) following the conclusion of the scheduled interviews.

**Section 5.** The induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with the induction for the other Foreign Language Honor Societies at Brookwood High School.

**Section 6.** Participation in the induction ceremony is mandatory.

#### **Article IV. Qualification for Continued Membership.**

**Section 1.** Members must be enrolled in a Spanish class or have completed A.P. Spanish Language.

**Section 2.** Each semester members must engage in 6 hours of service activities for the Society.

**Section 3.** Participation in a Society social event may substitute for one of the 6 required hours.

**Section 4.** Members who earn hours in excess of the 6 hours required during the first semester may carry over a maximum of 3 hours to the second semester hours. Excess hours may not be carried from one academic year to another.

**Section 5.** Students must continue to show academic integrity and character as noted by no recorded incidents of cheating, plagiarism, misconduct, insubordination or intentional dishonesty.

#### **Article V. Dues and Fees.**

**Section 1.** One time dues of twenty-five dollars (\$25) is due prior to initiation.

#### **Article VI. Meetings.**

**Section 1.** Meetings are scheduled by the sponsors and officers. There shall be no less than one meeting per semester.

#### **Article VII. Officers.**

**Section 1.** Officers are elected by a simple majority of the active members present at the election meeting and will serve for one academic year.

**Section 2.** The President shall preside at all meetings and the Induction Ceremony.

**Section 3.** The Vice President shall assist the president and serve as chairperson of the social committee.

**Section 4.** The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for correspondence of the Society to include email correspondence with members informing them of upcoming meeting dates, service projects and opportunities, social activities and deadlines. Additionally, the Corresponding Secretary is responsible for the publication of announcements of events.

**Section 5.** The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes and attendance at meetings, and maintain the records of service hours.

**Section 6.** Additional committee chairpersons may be appointed as necessary.

#### **Article VIII. Awards and Recognition**

**Section 1.** Each member of the Society will receive a membership certificate following the Induction Ceremony.

**Section 2.** Graduating seniors in good standing with the Society will be presented with academic regalia that may be worn at graduation.

#### **Article IX. Insignia**

**Section 1.** The insignia of the Society is the official one of the AATSP.

**Section 2.** The seal of the AATSP is the official seal of the Society.

**Section 3.** The motto of the Society is: *Todos a una.*

**Section 4.** The colors of the Society are red and gold.

