**HISTORY**

The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese founded the Spanish National Honor Society in 1958 for students of North American Secondary schools. This chapter is due to the efforts of Mrs. Jean Carolyn Williams who established the chapter at Douglas County High School in 1981. The name of our chapter is “Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,” (Our Lady of Guadalupe).

Our Motto: “Todos juntos” (all together)

Our Colors: Red and Gold (Spanish flag)

Our insignia and seal are those of the mother association.

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**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

The student must:

1.) Be in Spanish III or above

2.) Have an overall average of at least 90% in all Spanish classes, and an overall 3.5 GPA

3.) Be willing to commit to the goals and objectives of the society

4.) Be of a good character and meet all eligibility requirements set by the DCHS chapter of the Society

5.) Pay the one-time induction fee of $30 (this includes enrollment in the national society and an official t-shirt); pay annual dues of $10

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**ACTIVITIES:**

The Spanish National Honor Society has a variety of different activities during the year. The society promotes the celebration of Hispanic Heritage month and supports Beulah Elementary School’s festival and Dual Language Immersion program. SNHS always participates in the Homecoming activities, the parade, and the carnival in the fall. Every December we, along with the French National Honor Society and the International Club, sing at Grace Assisted Living and visit with the residents there. The Cultural Arts center sponsors a Dia de los Reyes festival in January that depends on the society’s student volunteers for success. We have a project at least once a year that benefits students in a Spanish speaking country. Students enjoy the Campamento de Inmersion Total in March or April. The ceremony for induction of new members is in the spring. Everyone helps to make the West Metro Spoken Language Forum a success in May.

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**GRADUATION STOLE:**

Seniors must meet all the requirements of the society in order to earn a stole for graduation. The stole is only reserved for those who earn it. These requirements include:

1.) All fees and dues paid

2.) All Spanish related service hours completed and given to the sponsor before the end of March.

3.) Contract signed and on file

4.) Attendance at the minimum number of Society meetings

*It is best to not wait until the last minute because there is a deadline*