

The following policy updates were approved during SHH Advisory Board Meetings in July 2015 and July 2016 and are effective immediately.

- **Possible SHH induction for freshmen:** Following general membership guidelines, freshmen may not be inducted into the SHH. However, in exceptional cases, such as a ninth-grade student **who has maintained an honor average in the study of Spanish or Portuguese for at least five semesters** may be initiated during the second semester of the ninth grade, at the sole discretion of the SHH Director. In such cases, the Chapter Sponsor shall submit to the SHH Director an official request with a letter of recommendation by the student's teacher stating the reason for the requested ninth-grade initiation.
- **Associate membership:** If a member **chooses** not to continue the study of Spanish or Portuguese, the student may remain in the SHH as an Associate Member until graduation at the discretion of the Chapter Sponsor. **Students who have completed the highest level of Spanish offered by the school may remain in the chapter as Active Members.**
- **Graduation regalia:** Graduation regalia, such as honor cords or stoles, may be awarded to Active Members and Associate Members who fulfill participation requirements of the chapter as determined by the chapter bylaws or constitution.
- **Block scheduling:** If a school is on Block Scheduling, students are no longer required to have a full year of Spanish or Portuguese during the year of induction.

If you have any questions about new or previous policies or would like to request an exception for a freshman student, please contact Kelly Scheetz, SHH Director, at kscheetz.SHH@aatsp.org.