

# **Riverbend High School National Latin Honor Society**

## **CHARTER**

as amended March 8, 2011

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name and Purpose**

This organization shall be called the Riverbend High School National Latin Honor Society. The purpose of the Riverbend High School National Latin Honor Society is to encourage and reward success in the study of Latin.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Authority for Operation**

As a subcomponent of the Riverbend High School Latin Club, the authority for operation of the Riverbend High School National Latin Honor Society shall be the constitution and by laws of the Riverbend High School Latin Club.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Membership**

**Section 1: Eligibility:** To be eligible to be a member of the Riverbend High School National Latin Honor Society, the student must be currently enrolled in Latin at Riverbend High School. The student must also have had at least a 90 average in Latin from the previous year of instruction. The student must be a good citizen, as determined by the sponsor, and a member in good standing of the Riverbend High School Latin Club.

**Section 2: Membership:** A student must be inducted by the president at the induction ceremony or at a regular meeting of the Latin Honor Society during the first semester before he or she can be considered an official member of the Riverbend High School Latin Honor Society. In order to remain in the Riverbend High School National Latin Honor Society, the student must maintain at least a 90 average in Latin, or an 85 in Advanced Placement Latin. These grades will be monitored and checked each semester. If the grades are below the requirements after the first semester, the student will be given a warning, and will have their membership suspended. If the grade is at or above the requirement at the end of the second semester, the student's membership will be returned. If the grade is below the requirement, the student's membership will be revoked. The student may return to the organization the next school year if his or her grade in Latin is at or above the requirement.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Officer(s)**

**Section 1: Officers Defined:** The elected officers of the Riverbend High School Latin Honor Society shall be President, and Secretary.

**Section 2: Term of Office:** The term of office for each officer shall be from inauguration to subsequent inauguration. Elections and inaugurations will be held in the spring. A member may run for the same office for more than one term provided that he/she meets the criteria for candidacy.

Section 3: Qualifications: In order to run for an office of the Riverbend High School Latin Honor Society, a candidate must be enrolled in Latin during the year in which he or she will serve if elected or have completed all such courses offered by his school. He must be a member of the Honor Society. He must not have been dismissed from the Honor Society prior to election.

- A. In order to become President, a student must be in Level IV or AP.
- B. In order to become Secretary, a student must have completed a minimum of one year of Latin.
- C. If no student is qualified, the Society shall nominate any member of the Society for office.

Section 4: Nomination Procedures: Eligible persons shall be nominated by the National Latin Honor Society.

Section 5: Voting Procedures: Following the nominations, a vote by secret ballot will be taken. For a candidate to be elected into office, he must receive a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate receives more than one-half of the votes cast, then the top two candidates will participate in a run-off election.

Section 6: Duties of Officers:

- A. The duties of the President shall be as follows:
  - i. Preside over and maintain order at all regular meetings under standard parliamentary procedure
  - ii. Have a thorough understanding of this charter
  - iii. Organize, with the help of the sponsor, all activities for the Riverbend High School Latin Honor Society
- B. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:
  - i. Keep the minutes of all meetings
  - ii. Perform all correspondence for the Riverbend High School Latin Honor Society

Section 7: Vacancies: Should a vacancy occur in any office, the Honor Society will appoint a qualified member into the vacant office.

Section 8: Removal from Office:

- A. Should an officer's membership in the Honor Society be suspended or revoked, said officer will be removed from office.
- B. Vacancies: The rules set in Article IV, Section 6 should be followed to fill the vacant office.

#### ARTICLE V: Amending the Charter

Section 1: Proposals: A proposal to amend this charter that has been signed by at least five Riverbend High School Latin Honor Society members must be submitted to the officers, or may be proposed by the officers themselves.

Section 2. Vote: For an amendment to be passed, it must receive a vote of at least two-thirds of the members at a regular meeting.

#### Article VI: Ratification

This charter is effective when it has been ratified by a vote of at least two-thirds of members at a meeting of Riverbend High School Latin Club members. This charter may be abolished by a vote of at least three-fourths of members.