

Language and Linguistics Club
James S. Rickards High School
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PURPOSE, INTENT, AND BY-LAWS 2023-2024

Purpose and Intent

This club seeks to promote the study of linguistics and understand its applications in hundreds of languages. The club's goal is to encourage members to identify and utilize linguistic patterns in competitive contests and allow second-language learner students to participate in exams to enhance their language B skills.

Language & Linguistics Club By-Laws

Article I. Club Name

The name of the club is Language and Linguistics, hereafter referred to as the club.

Article II. Purpose of the Club

- I. Promote the study of logistical linguistic puzzles.
- II. Train members to solve linguistic puzzles.
- III. Give members the opportunity to participate in Spanish, French, and Latin language contests.

Article III. Membership

- I. Membership is open to any currently enrolled Rickards High School student.
- II. Members are required to participate in the North American Computational Linguistics Open (NACLO) Competition.

Article IV. Officer Positions

- I. The officers of this club shall be established through an application process and reviewed by the previous President and Vice President.
- II. Officers will be appointed for the duration of one year at the end of the prior club year.
- III. The officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Spanish Captain, French Captain, and Latin Captain.

Article V. Officer Duties

- I. President
 - A. Principal officer responsible for leading club meetings and activities in accordance with guidance established by the Rickards High School administrators and these bylaws.
 - B. Responsible for coaching students with NACLO questions.
 - C. Must find new competitions and lead registration process.
- II. Vice President
 - A. Shall assist the President in club management.
 - B. Shall preside over club activities in the absence of the President.
 - C. Responsible of coaching students in NACLO.
 - D. Encouraged to assist with competition search and registration.
- III. Secretary
 - A. Shall keep minutes of club meetings
 - B. Maintain an attendance roster for the club records.
 - C. Should help students understand NACLO questions from an intrapersonal level.
 - D. Encouraged to assist with competition search and registration.
- IV. Spanish Captain
 - A. Responsible for National Spanish Exam (NSE) registration.
 - B. Must create lessons and plans to prepare students for NSE.
 - C. Communicate with Rickards Spanish students and Spanish teachers.
- V. French and Latin Captains
 - A. Responsible for National French Contest (NFC) and National Latin Exam (NLE) registration.
 - B. Must create lessons and plans to prepare students for NFC and NLE.
 - C. Communicate with Rickards French and Latin teachers regarding organization.
 - D. Collaborate with French club and Junior Classical League.

Article VI. Faculty Sponsors

- I. There must be at least one and at most two faculty sponsors.
- II. Sponsors may vote in meetings and participate in all club activities.
- III. At least one sponsor must be present at all club meetings.
- IV. A sponsor will be responsible for maintaining order within the club.

- V. A sponsor will work closely with the club officers in business matters of the club.

Article VII. Communication

- I. All emails pertaining to the club must be addressed by the names of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and all language captains.
- II. Must be sent from the official club email address:
rhslanguageandlinguistics@gmail.com.

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