



Welcome Husky!

### **What is Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society?**

This is an honor society for the recognition of achievement and excellence in the discipline of social studies at the high school level. This society is open to juniors and seniors who meet the entrance criteria (see below). Our name, RHO KAPPA, is taken from two words of semitic origin. RHO is derived from “resh” meaning “head” and KAPPA is derived from “kapf” which means “palm of the hand.” Both these terms symbolize our firm belief that knowledge, without service, is useless.

- Rising Juniors must have 2.5 credits in academic social studies courses with a minimum 3.5 weighted grade point average in those classes. For juniors to maintain membership they must continue to pursue academic social studies courses and work toward a minimum of 4 credits in these courses while maintaining the 3.5 weighted grade point average.
- Rising Seniors must have a minimum of 3.5 credits in academic social studies courses and currently be enrolled in the one course; or they may have 4 credits in social studies coursework upon graduation. All students must maintain a minimum 3.5 weighted grade point average.
- Students must exhibit qualities of leadership, service and citizenship in either their school or in a community group / organization. The recommendation of two social studies teachers on the student application will serve as testimony to the student’s having met the leadership, service and citizenship criteria.

### **Society Activities:**

- Meet monthly (at 2:30 pm in 6-212) to encourage and recognize social studies and intellectual thought
- Aid the community and school with a yearly service project aimed at increasing community awareness of social and historical issues.

### **How to become a member:**

Rho Kappa is, foremost, an honor society, and therefore has criteria that students must satisfy in order to be eligible for membership:

- Meet the eligibility criteria and maintain it through graduation as specified above.
- Attend 80% of the monthly meetings (no more than 3 absences for the school year).
- Participate in the community service project (one for each semester).
- Enrolled in an AP or honors level social studies class for the current school year.
- In order to maintain membership in Rho Kappa from year to year, students must continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- Commitment to academic achievement, to academic integrity, as well as to a year’s attendance and strict adherence to society’s requirements.
- \$25 dues **each year** (collected in September) includes t-shirt and graduation cords for seniors.
- Return the completed application form to Mrs. Erin Foley in room 06-212 by end of March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- You will receive communication regarding your acceptance to the Honor Society, via email. Therefore, please make sure your SCPS email address is listed on your application.

***Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society***  
***Application for Membership***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Social Studies Classes currently enrolled \_\_\_\_\_ For next year \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Copy of transcript must be attached to verify credit requirements.**

**I, Erin Foley, will not sign teacher recommendation forms. You will need two academic teacher recommendations.**

**Teacher Recommendations:**

**1. I recommend the above named student for induction into the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society.**

Teacher name/course \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2. I recommend the above named student for induction into the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society.**

Teacher name/course \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society eligibility and attendance requirements.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

