



National Honor Society, Pulaski County High School Chapter Bylaws

Article I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the National Honor Society, Pulaski County High School Chapter.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Pulaski County High School

Section 3. The NHS, Pulaski County High School Chapter shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP).

ARTICLE II

THE PRINCIPAL

Section 1. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint a chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

ARTICLE III

THE CHAPTER ADVISOR

Section 1. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.

Section 2. The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter advisor shall send the annual report to the national office.

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

Section 4. The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE IV

FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1. The faculty council shall consist of five faculty members.

Section 2. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-official member of the faculty council.

Section 4. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Pulaski High chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Section 2. New members shall be inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 3. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE VI

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at Pulaski County High School for the equivalent of one full semester.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.6. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

Section 3. The selection of members to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 4. All the national guidelines created by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) are followed. The NASSP sets the minimum standard, however individual chapters may adjust these standards upward, as long as they are consistent for all current candidates. Students interested in membership in the NCHS chapter of the National Honor Society are required to complete a student information sheet. Each candidate is assigned a number, thus insuring the confidentiality of the aspirant. The information sheets are passed on to Faculty Council composed of five teachers from different disciplines. They tally the scores, review the information, discuss each candidate and vote to decide whether the individual will be invited to join the organization. Please note that the adviser, Miss Goad, is

not a member of the Faculty Council, and therefore do not take part in the selection process and have no influence on the proceedings.

ARTICLE VII

APPEALS PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS

Section 1. For any student whose application is not accepted, the appeals process is as follows: After meeting with one of the NHS advisers, unsuccessful candidates may choose to file a letter of appeal. Upon learning the Faculty Council's decision, a student may believe that the information he/she submitted was not properly interpreted.

Section 2. Within one week (seven calendar days) of the date of the notification letter, the student may submit a letter to the Faculty Council explaining this perceived misunderstanding.

Section 3. Letters of appeal **must** be written by the student in question.

Section 4. New information will not be accepted; the purpose of the appeal process is to clarify information which was previously submitted.

Section 5. In consultation with the principal, the Faculty Council will reconvene to consider the merit of all appeals, and a second notification letter will be sent. **All appeals decisions are final.**

ARTICLE VIII

DISMISSAL

Section 1. Reasons that a student could be dismissed from the NHS:

- A. Members overall GPA drops below a 3.6 and they are given a semester to raise their GPA to the minimum requirement
- B. Failure to pay dues
- C. Members repeatedly fail to attend the required meetings without notifying the Chapter Advisor with a legitimate excuse
- D. Failure to complete the required 15 volunteer hours per semester requirement

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws a member does not have to be warned.

Section 3. The members will receive written warning that their case will be presented to the Faculty Council for dismissal, at that time the student must contact the chapter advisor to present their case in front of the Faculty Council, if so desired.

Section 4. The Faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings

Section 5. In all cases of pending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the Faculty official NHS constitution

Section 6. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the Faculty Council is required.

Section 7. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to the principal and thereafter under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 8. NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

ARTICLE IX

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, and parliamentarian

Section 2. The President shall meet with the NHS advisor to plan meetings, chair all meetings, make, copy, and distribute the agenda to all members, coordinate with the executive committee, and liaison to MPHS administration.

Section 3. The Vice President shall assist the President, chair all meetings that the President is unable to attend, assist the Sergeant of Arms, and oversee attendance.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings for a record of all business, which entail attendants, motions, topics, speakers, decisions, and actions.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall oversee all fundraising activities, keep an accurate account of all monetary movement, and develop a semi-precise budget to be voted on no later than the last meeting of October of each school year.

Section 6. The Historian shall notify all NHS members or entire school to any or all NHS events, meetings, or obligations; shall use any or all methods deemed necessary (school announcements, fliers, notes, newspaper, radio, etc.) and take pictures.

Section 7. The Parliamentarian shall maintain order during meetings.

ARTICLE X

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

ARTICLE XI

MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be regular meetings during the school year on days designated by the executive committee.

Section 2. Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called by the president.

ARTICLE XII

ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility of completing 10 volunteer hours per semester. These hours may not count for class credit and the student cannot be paid for volunteering.

Section 5. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the chapter by a majority vote.