CHAPTER BYLAWS FOR THE WYNFORD CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1 The name of this chapter shall be the Wynford Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary School, which appears on the chapter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by members of the National Council.

Section 2 The object of the chapter 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 secondary schools.

Section 3 The National Honor Society shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191

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 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 advisor shall help the chapter officers to understand and carry out their duties

ARTICLE IV

Faculty Council

Section 1 The faculty council shall consist of 5 faculty members appointed annually by the principal;

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-officio 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 is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by the faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

Section 2 Membership shall be known as active and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. The graduate members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs

Section 3 The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisors, or citizens in recognition of outstanding service rendered the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Honor Society

Section 4 New members shall be inducted at the Induction Ceremony in the fall of each year

Section 5 Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to apply and compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program

Section 6 A National Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership

Section 7 Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits

Section 8 Membership dues are not to exceed five dollars

ARTICLE VI
Selection of Members

Section 1 Qualifications for membership shall be based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Section 2 To be eligible for membership, the candidates must be a member of the junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.

Section 3 Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Section 4 The selection of members to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 5 Each candidate shall present to the chapter advisor a completed Student Activity Information Form. These forms will be duplicated and presented to each faculty council member.

Section 6 The ballot shall be prepared listing students who have met the scholarship requirement and have returned their Student Activity Information Form. The scale used to evaluate students shall be 5-excellent, 4-good, 3-average, 2-below average, 1-poor. Students shall be evaluated base on character. A student must receive an average of 4 or above to be automatically considered by the faculty council for membership.

Section 7 All decisions of the faculty council are final.

ARTICLE VII
Dismissal

Section 1 Members who fall below the standards for selection shall be warned in writing by the chapter advisor. Members shall have one semester to bring their cumulative average up to the required GPA (3.5) to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules and/or civic laws a members does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 2 The faculty council has determined one warning to be the reasonable amount of warnings.

Section 3 In all cases dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 4 When a member is dismissed, he/she shall be notified in writing and his/her pin and membership card shall be returned to the advisor. Notice of the member’s dismissal must be indicated on the Annual Report submitted to the National Honor Society at the end of the school year.

Section 5 A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision made by the faculty council to the school principal first, and thereafter under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 6 Once a member is dismissed, he/she is never eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 7 NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

ARTICLE VIII
Chapter Officers

Section 1 The officers of the chapter shall be: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2 A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of the chapter.

Section 3 It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meeting of the chapter.

Section 4 The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his/her absence.

Section 5 The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, a record or all business, and all records on file.

Section 6 The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

Section 7 In case the office of president becomes vacant, the vice-president shall assume the duties of the president. If office of the vice-president, secretary, or treasurer become vacant, an election shall be held to fill the position.

ARTICLE IX
Executive Committee

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

Section 2 The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as are specified in the chapter Bylaws. All actions of the chapter 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 X
Meetings
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<td>This chapter shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all points expressed provided for in this constitution or chapter Bylaws</td>
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**ARTICLE XI**

Activities

Section 1 The Wynford Chapter shall determine one or more service activities for each year

Section 2 All members shall regularly participate in these activities

Section 3 These activities 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, organized and executed

**ARTICLE XII**

Emblem

Section 1 Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools

Section 2 Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem (See Article VII, Section 4)

Section 3 All emblems must be procured from the national secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

**ARTICLE XIII**

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles IV, V and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal (selection and discipline).

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**WYNFORD CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**CHAPTER BYLAWS:**

1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a junior or senior and have a 3.5 cumulative GPA

2. The candidate shall be rated on his/her character by the faculty. The rating will be on a five point system. Candidates will not be disqualified from consideration due to these ratings. All candidates will be reviewed by the faculty council and be voted on. Membership is determined by a majority vote of the council after evaluating all criteria.

3. Candidates will be notified by mail if they will be inducted into the National Honor Society and as to the details of the ceremony

4. Candidates will be given a schedule of dates and deadlines to meet for selection of membership

**January 1992**

1. Membership dues shall be $5.00 (Beginning 1996-97 school year)
   a. $3.00 for new members
   b. $2.00 for 2nd year active members
   c. Dues are due by December 15th of each year

2. Beginning with the 1996-97 year, members will be required to perform additional services to maintain their membership, to be included in yearbook pictures, and to be recognized at graduation ceremonies. All members will perform a minimum of 30 hours of service to the school and/or community. A minimum of 10 hours must be done in conjunction with the school. (First year – hours, Second year – 20 hours) This requirement must be completed by April 30th of each year.

**January 1996**

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