

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
PAGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Page County High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Page County High School.

Section 3. The NHS, Page County High School Chapter, shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, or graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate and honorary members have no vote in chapter affairs.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

Section 3. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Page County High School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standards may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered based on their Service, Leadership, and Character.

ARTICLE III
SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The final selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be invited to comment on candidates determined to be scholastically eligible.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty comments.

Section 3. The selection of active members shall be held once a year, after the third quarter.

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from Page County High School will be given a letter, signed by the principal, indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 5. An active member in good standing of the National Honor Society who transfers to Page County High School will be automatically accepted for membership in our Chapter.

ARTICLE IV MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. All members shall attend all meetings, unless excused from the meeting by the adviser. One unexcused meeting absence per year shall be allowed.

Section 2. All members shall be required to complete at least 16 hours of service per year, as follows:

- a. All members of the junior class shall complete at least 6 hours of individual service projects and at least 10 hours of our Chapter service projects by June 1st.
- b. All members of the senior class shall complete at least 6 hours of individual service projects and at least 10 hours of our Chapter service projects by April 15th. No more than 2 hours can be overlapped with the required senior community service hours.

Section 3. All members shall maintain high standards of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

ARTICLE V DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, or Character may be dismissed from the Page County High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain the same high standards of achievement and levels of involvement that earned him or her membership.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below 3.75 at any marking period end, he/she will be given a written warning and a five-week time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below 3.75 at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action, which could include dismissal, by the Faculty Council.

Section 3. Violation of school regulations can result in review for possible dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to: stealing; destruction of property; cheating; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Section 4. A member's status is subject to review should he or she be found in violation of local, state or federal law. Such review may well result in the member's dismissal.

Section 5. In the case of pending dismissal (in accordance with the due process guaranteed to all members):

- a. The member will receive written notification of the reason for the possible dismissal from the Adviser or Faculty Council. The member and Adviser will discuss the written notification in a private conference.
- b. The member will be offered the opportunity to respond to the charge against him/her in writing and/or at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the dismissal vote. The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense. The Faculty Council will then vote on the matter of dismissal.
- c. The member, his/her parents or guardians, and the principal will be notified in writing of the outcome of the Council's vote.
- d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed as per the district's discipline policy. For this reason, the presence of the principal during any Council deliberations is inappropriate.
- e. A student who is dismissed or who resigns must surrender his or her membership card and pin. He/She will never again be considered for membership.

Section 6. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member that are deemed appropriate and commensurate with the infraction. Such sanctions should be in alignment with the principles of the National Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. (e.g. If a member destroys school property, then he/she could be required to correct the problem or possibly repair another portion of school property.)

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, historian, and reporter/ public relations officer.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the first meeting of each school year. All returning members are eligible for selection as an officer.

Section 3. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not result in an election, a second vote shall be taken between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 5. The vice-president shall assist the president and preside in the absence of the president.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep the chapter's financial records and work with the Adviser and Activities Fund Supervisor to manage the chapter's receipts and expenditures.

Section 8. The parliamentarian shall maintain order during meetings and maintain adherence to the bylaws.

Section 9. The historian shall maintain the chapter scrapbook and be responsible for correspondence and articles concerning chapter activities.

Section 10. The reporter/ public relations officer shall notify all NHS members or entire school to any or all events, meetings, or obligations; shall use any or all methods deemed necessary (school announcements, fliers, notes, newspapers, radio, etc.) and take pictures.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general charge of setting agendas for meetings and planning the business of the chapter. Any action by the executive committee is subject to review by the chapter members.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly, as determined by the executive committee.

Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall undertake and complete one or more service projects 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 the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well-planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE X EMBLEM

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

Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendments has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. Amendments, having been adopted by the chapter, are subject to approval by the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.