

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Article I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the National Honor Society, Woodbridge, NJ 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 Woodbridge High School.

Section 3. The NHS, Woodbridge, NJ 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 chapter advisors, who may serve consecutive terms.

ARTICLE III

THE CHAPTER ADVISORS

Section 1. The chapter advisors 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 advisors shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions.

Section 3. The chapter advisors shall regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations. The chapter advisors shall meet regularly to discuss members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

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 at least 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 faculty council shall meet once a year to select members based on criteria provided by chapter advisors.

ARTICLE V  
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Woodbridge, NJ 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 not 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 junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at Woodbridge High School the equivalent of two semesters.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.3 (based on a 4.33 scale). Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

- Candidates must not have received a "D" or below in any class as a marking period grade (barring honors or AP courses).
- Candidates must not have received a "D" or below in any class as a final grade.
- Candidates must not have excessive unexcused absences (more than 8 per semester, or 12 at the time of selection) or unexcused lates (more than 8 per semester, or 12 at the time of selection).
- Candidates cannot have a disciplinary action resulting in ACS or OSS.
- Teachers will complete surveys concerning leadership and character, the definitions of which will be provided by the NHS advisors; two "no" votes for

leadership and two "1" votes for character will result in elimination of that candidate.

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

Section 4. Candidates not selected for membership of this Chapter are not entitled to know any information regarding why they were not voted in by the faculty council. A candidate not selected for membership of this Chapter may not appeal the decision of the faculty council.

## ARTICLE VII

### DISMISSAL

Section 1. Members may be dismissed due to:

- a change in grades/GPA
- violation of school rules of civic law.
- non-committal to chapter
  - missing more than two of ten mandatory meetings without approved absences
  - not participating in mandatory community service activities

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned (verbally; noted in meeting documents) by the chapter advisors 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 wherein a member does not have to be warned; dismissal will occur immediately.

Section 3. The chapter advisors shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 4. Chapter advisors will notify members of dismissal.

## ARTICLE VIII

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary.

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

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.

## ARTICLE IX

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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 X

### MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be regular meetings during the school year on days designated by the executive committee. (One per month, schedules permitting).

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

## ARTICLE XI

### 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 for choosing and participating in a service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

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

## ARTICLE XII

### AMENDMENTS

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