

National Honor Society By-Laws Holland High School Chapter

ARTICLE I **NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Holland High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 2. The object 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 Holland High School.

ARTICLE II **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. The graduate members have no vote.

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, Service, Leadership, and Character.

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

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for this chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 90 (out of 100; un-weighted grade point average). This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard 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 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 Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to comment on candidates determined to be scholastically eligible.
- d. The Student Activity Information Form and faculty comments shall be reviewed by the Faculty Council.

Section 3. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year. (Alternate or additional selection periods may be added.)

Section 4. And active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating of the status of his/her membership and signed by the Principal.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member will attain within one semester and then maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE IV **DISMISSAL**

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Holland High School chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (90), he/she will be given written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below 90 at the end of the warning period the student may be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3. Violation of criminal law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to, DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.

Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absence, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be dismissed.

Section 5. In the case of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser/Faculty Council. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference.
- b. The member will be offered a hearing with the Faculty Council prior to dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss.
- c. A letter of dismissal will be sent to the principal, student, and parents if the student is dismissed. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. The member may appeal the Faculty Council's decision to the Principal.
- e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 6. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE V **OFFICERS**

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

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning members are eligible to run for a position as an officer.

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

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

Section 5. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, etc.

ARTICLE VI **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 the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly.

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

ARTICLE VIII 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 the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well-planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. 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 IX 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 X DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be five dollars.

Section 2. Dues will be payable to the chapter treasurer within 30 days of induction.