

Bylaws of the Wilsonville High School National Honor Society

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Wilsonville 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 Wilsonville High School.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based on Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. The graduate members have no votes.

Section 3. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidates must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Wilsonville 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 unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.5. This scholarship level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be the required minimum scholarship level of achievement for admission to candidacy. 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 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.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the year.

Section 3. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership signed by the principal.

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The transfer member will then maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE IV DISMISSAL

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

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the designated standard the student will be given written warning and a probationary time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below 3.5 at the end of the probationary period the student may be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3. Violation of criminal law or school regulations can result in dismissal of the student.

Section 4. Any member whose personal conduct is questionable in accordance with the accepted norms of student behavior may be dismissed by the Faculty Council

Section 5. In the case of pending dismissal

- a. The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal from the advisers/Faculty Council.
- b. The member will have the opportunity to present his 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
- d. The member may appeal the Faculty Council's decision to the Principal
- e. When a student is dismissed, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

ARTICLE V ***OFFICERS***

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

Section 2. The officers of this chapter will be selected by a vote of all the active members of this chapter.

Section 3. The duties of the president shall be:

- To preside over all NHS meeting
- To serve as master of ceremony at the next NHS induction
- To create special committees when needed and appoint a committee chairman
- To assist every committee as an ex-officio member

Section 4. The duties of the vice-president shall be:

- To act as president in the absence of the elected president
- To assist the president in maintaining order during meetings
- To assist every committee as an ex-officio member
- To assist president and advisers in coordinating volunteer activities

Section 4. The duties of the secretary shall be:

- To keep minutes of all meetings and a record of all business
- To assist advisers in carrying on all official NHS correspondence
- To keep an accurate narrative and photographic record of NHS activities

Section 5. The duties of the treasurer shall be:

- To assist the president in publicizing meetings and service projects
- To assist the advisers in keeping an accurate account of NHS funds

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisers 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 ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year that all members can participate in.

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, be appropriate and educationally defensible and be well-planned, organized and executed.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee.

Section 2. The officers of this chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section 3. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the advisers.

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 refrain from wearing the emblem.

ARTICLE X DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$20.00 for new members.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the executive committee of the chapter has approved the proposed amendment.

Section 2. By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.