

CHANUTE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Chanute High School National Honor Society Chapter, hereafter referred to as National Honor Society (NHS).

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 Chanute High School.

ARTICLE II: COMPOSITION OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. NHS shall be comprised of members, officers, sponsors, and faculty advisors.

Section 2. Members shall consist of select junior and senior class members.

Section 3. Officers shall consist of elected senior class members.

Section 4. Five (5) faculty council members shall serve on a volunteer basis by appointment from the principal the beginning of each school year. They are responsible for selection, guidance, and discipline proceedings.

Section 5. (A) sponsor(s) shall actively coordinate operations, supervise meetings and projects, and be generally responsible for the welfare of the society's membership body.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section 1. NHS business will be conducted by sponsors, officers, and by meetings of the chapter members.

Section 2. Regular meetings should be attempted to be scheduled at least once a month.

Section 3. Attendance is mandatory of ALL meetings scheduled and announced two days (2) in advance.

Section 4. If a member is unable to attend, that member must see a sponsor by the beginning of the day the meeting is scheduled to excuse his or her absence.

Section 7. Any member who misses a meeting must see the sponsor within two (2) days in order to receive the minutes of the meeting.

Section 8. Any member who fails to do the above may be subject to disciplinary action per ARTICLE XII (MEMBERSHIP REVIEW).

ARTICLE IV: ANNUAL BYLAWS REVIEW

Section 1. The chapter bylaws will be reviewed the first meeting of the school year to ensure that they are still suitable for chapter business.

Section 2. A motion may be made at any time to review or amend the bylaws.

Section 3. To amend the bylaws, two-thirds of the chapter must vote in favor.

ARTICLE V: DUES

Section 1. Members are expected to pay a one time membership fee of \$10 upon induction.

Section 2. Failure to do so may be subject to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE VI: SERVICE PROJECTS

Section 1. All members of NHS will lead an individual service project annually.

Section 2. The project should be something that will benefit others or the community and must meet the guidelines set out by the Individual Service Project Coordinator

Section 3. Members may lead a service project in a team of no more than three (3) members.

Section 4. All members are expected to fulfill accepted responsibilities and attend all assigned projects and events.

Section 5. Failure to conduct a service project annually or absence from a scheduled event may be subject to disciplinary action.



ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

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

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at chapter meetings and organize meeting agendas.

Section 3. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and maintain attendance records.

Section 4. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for correspondence.

Section 5. The treasurer shall maintain financial records for the chapter.

Section 6. The service project coordinator shall coordinate and preside over the service project's overall organization.

ARTICLE VIII: OFFICER ELECTION

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year from the junior class by the junior class.

Section 2. Beginning with president, members nominate candidates.

Section 3. Candidates may decline nomination.

Section 4. After all candidates have been nominated and have accepted, chapter members vote.

Section 5. The candidate with the majority of votes is elected as that officer.

Section 6. The remaining officers are elected in the same manner in the following order: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and service project coordinator.

ARTICLE IX: SELECTION

Section 1. All juniors and seniors with a 3.6 GPA and up shall be invited to apply for NHS in the fall with a deadline for application.

Section 2. The candidates will be furnished the selection criteria and all forms necessary to apply.

Section 3. At a later determined date, the faculty council will convene to review all applications.

The faculty council will rate the candidates on the criteria set forth prior.

Section 4. These criteria and guidelines shall be set in advance of the "invitation to apply" so that the criteria and guidelines can be furnished to the applicants and faculty council.

ARTICLE X: BASIC MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Section 1. Upon induction in to NHS, all members will be expected to continue to exemplify the four ideals, which are the basis for membership: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 2. Scholarship-all members must maintain a 3.6 overall GPA each semester. Any member falling below a 3.6 will automatically be put on probation for one semester. If the member's overall GPA does not improve to a 3.6, the member will be subject to dismissal per ARTICLE XII (MEMBERSHIP REVIEW).

Section 3. Service-Per ARTICLE VI (SERVICE PROJECTS)

Section 4. Leadership-all members should exercise positive leadership in the classroom, in the halls, on the playing field, and at all other school-related activities.

Section 5. Character-all members should demonstrate the highest standards of character, honesty, and integrity. A flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws (withholding minor traffic offenses) may be subject to disciplinary action per ARTICLE XII (MEMBERSHIP REVIEW).

Section 6. Failure to maintain these standards may be subject to disciplinary action per ARTICLE XII (MEMBERSHIP REVIEW).

ARTICLE XI: HONOR CODE

Section 1. Cheating is defined as the intentional giving or receiving of unauthorized aid.

Section 2. Plagiarism is defined as the intentional stealing and using of the ideas or writings of another as one's own.

Section 3. Each member promises not to cheat or to plagiarize on ANY type of school assignment.

Section 4. Any student who is found to be guilty of either may be subject to disciplinary action per ARTICLE XII (MEMBERSHIP REVIEW).



ARTICLE XII: MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Section 1. If it has been determined that a student has violated NHS policy, chapter bylaws, or conducted themselves in activity unbecoming of an NHS member, his or her membership status may be recommended for review.

Section 2. The principal, administration or sponsor(s) can submit a member's name for membership status review to the faculty council.

Section 3. The faculty council members shall be notified of the student's submission for review and will determine a date to conduct a review of the student to take place within two (2) weeks. The student may at that time present his or her argument and his or her parents are allowed to represent the student.

Section 4. The member shall be notified in writing of the reason(s) in which they are being reviewed, the date, and the date and time of the review.

Section 5. Within one (1) week from the review, deliverance shall be decided upon and the student notified of it. In this time the faculty council may consult witnesses and evidence.

Section 6. Depending on the severity and nature of the violation, the faculty council may give a warning, put the student on probationary status, or dismissed from NHS.

Section 7. The length of the probation shall be determined by the faculty council, typically a semester. Criteria will be set for measures of improvement and communicated in writing to the student upon notification of his or her probation status. At the end of the probation period, if the student has not improved or made further violations, the student may be dismissed from NHS per

ARTICLE

XIII (DESCRIPTION OF DISMISSAL).

ARTICLE XIII: DESCRIPTION OF DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Section 1. If the faculty council believes that dismissal may be warranted, the council will thoroughly investigate before action is taken.

Section 2. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, his or her parents, and the assistant principal with an explanation of their findings.

Section 3. The member must then surrender his or her NHS pin and membership card to the sponsor or administrator. If a member is unwilling to do this, the matter will then be treated as a school disciplinary matter.

Section 4. The dismissed member may appeal the dismissal (see ARTICLE XIV APPEALING DISMISSAL)

Section 5. A student who is dismissed and whose appeal, if submitted, is denied may never again become an Honor Society member.

ARTICLE XIV: APPEALING A DISMISSAL

Section 1. If a student chooses to appeal a dismissal, the member should first contact the assistant principal. He or she will thoroughly investigate the actions that resulted in the dismissal of the member and will confer with the sponsor and the faculty council.

Section 2. The Principal of the school will then review the findings and hear the appeal. The Principal's decision is final.

Section 3. The National Council and the National Association of Secondary School Principals do not hear or make any decisions regarding appeals in dismissal cases.

Section 4. During the appeal process, the member may not take part in any NHS activity or be recognized as a member.

ARTICLE XV: RESIGNATION

Section 1. A student who resigns may never again become an Honor Society member.

Section 2. The member must then surrender his or her NHS induction certificate.



I, _____,

have read and understand the obligations and rules set forth
for the Chanute High School National Honor Society chapter.

Date

Signature

