

CONSTITUTION
of the
BATH HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER
of the
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Bath Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.

Section 2. The purpose of the 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 Bath High School

ARTICLE II – THE PRINCIPAL

Section 1. The principal shall receive the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint a chapter adviser, who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The principal shall be a part of the local school district appeal process for non-selection of dismissal cases.

ARTICLE III – THE CHAPTER ADVISER

Section 1. The chapter adviser 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 adviser shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter adviser shall send the annual activity report to the national office.

Section 3. The chapter adviser shall regularly review each member for compliance with national and chapter standards and obligations.

Section 4. The chapter adviser shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE IV – FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1. The faculty council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No principal or assistant principal may be included on the faculty council.

Section 2. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section 4. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

Section 5. The faculty council shall serve as a scholarship review committee. This committee will review submitted applications and will nominate two seniors for the National Honor Society Scholarship.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Membership shall be known as active and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisers, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Honor Society.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program.

Section 6. A National Honor Society member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member of the Bath chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 7. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again 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 Sophomore, Junior or Senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at Bath High School for the equivalent of one semester. Some candidates may be ineligible for induction because of the semester ruling. Many students, including students of military parents, are required to move with parents or guardians that have transferred in their work. Based on a recommendation from the previous principal, the faculty council may waive the semester regulation.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least a 3.5. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

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

Section 4. The procedure for selection shall be determined by the faculty council. The selection procedure will be published and made available to all students and parents for Bath High School.

ARTICLE VII – DISMISSAL

Section 1. The procedure for dismissal shall be determined by the faculty council. The dismissal procedure will be made available to interested parties.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser. If the deficiency has not been corrected by the end of the next semester, the student's case will then be passed on to the faculty council. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member does not have to be warned and the case may be turned over immediately to the faculty council.

Section 3. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have the right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 4. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the Bath School District.

ARTICLE VIII – CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The president shall:

- a. Preside at chapter meetings
- b. Appoint committees and committee chairpersons as needed.

Section 3. The vice-president shall:

- a. Preside in the absence of the president
- b. Assist the president in administration duties

Section 4. The secretary shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of the meetings
- b. Receive and send correspondence
- c. Send articles concerning club projects and activities to local media
- d. Inform the office of meetings and activities
- e. Write announcements to remind members of meeting and activities

Section 5. The treasurer shall work with the advisor to:

- a. Receive and distribute all funds of the chapter
- b. Keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations
- c. Keep records of meeting attendance and project participation

Section 6. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect any chapter officer.

Section 7. New officers shall be installed at a special ceremony.

ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter, the chapter adviser, and committee co-chairpersons.

Section 2. The executive committee will meet monthly during the school year on days designated by the committee and in accordance with school policy and regulations.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as are specified in the chapter bylaws. All

actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 4. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

Section 5. Committee co-chairpersons (one Junior and one Senior for each position) shall be appointed by the officers and advisor and will include but not be limited to:

1. Fall project
2. Spring project
3. Induction and Installation
4. Christmas Baskets
5. Selection and Tapping

ARTICLE X – MEETINGS

Section 1. The chapter shall have three regular general meetings during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and in accordance with school policy and regulations. These meetings will be held in September, December, and April.

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

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the advisor.

ARTICLE XI – OFFICIAL INSIGNIA

Section 1. Each active, graduate or honorary member shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Council of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Any member who resigns or is dismissed shall return the emblem to the chapter adviser.

Section 3. All insignia must be procured from the national secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, Va. 22091. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office and may not be copied by anyone.

Section 4. The motto of the National Honor Society shall be “Noblesse Oblige.”

Section 5. The official colors of the National Honor Society shall be blue and gold.

Section 6. A graduate member may replace a lost emblem by verifying membership to the national office.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment had been approved by the executive committee and that notice to members had been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XIII – DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for each member shall be determined by the executive committee and approved by a majority vote of the membership.

Section 2. Annual dues are required by each member and are due by November 1 of the school year for which they are being collected.

ARTICLE XIV – BYLAWS

Section 1. Chapter bylaws may be written to amplify sections of the Constitution and to clarify operating procedures of the chapter. Bylaws do not need the approval of the National Council but must be consistent with this Constitution.

Section 2. Chapter bylaws shall contain information concerning the election and duties of officers, the schedule of meetings, member obligations, dues, etc.

Section 3. Chapter bylaws may be added following a majority vote of the membership, subject to approval by the adviser.