

BYLAWS
OF THE
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
OF
HOULTON HIGH SCHOOL
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ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

- Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Houlton 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 pupils of Houlton High School.

ARTICLE II

Membership

- Section 1. Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members shall have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.
- Section 2. Candidates for membership shall have spent at least one semester in Houlton High School and shall be members of the Junior or Senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have an accumulative grade point average of not less than 90 for five consecutive semesters and be enrolled in a four year academic program. In addition, students must have a 90 average in English, science, math, social studies and foreign language classes. At least fifty percent of their classes must be in the college preparatory program. Their eligibility shall then be based on service, leadership, and character.
- Section 3. The faculty council shall propose the names of pupils eligible for membership in the chapter.
- Section 4. Any active member who falls below the standards, including the maintaining of a 90 average, which were the basis for his election to membership, shall be disciplined according to the Faculty Council.
- Section 5. A student who fails to maintain the required standards will be given a written warning at the quarter; if the standard is not reestablished by the end of the next quarter, the student will be dropped from the chapter.
- Section 6. If so dropped, his emblem shall be returned to the sponsor of the chapter or to the principal of the school. Notice of such action shall be reported to the National Council.

ARTICLE III

Council

- Section 1. The election of members to this chapter shall be by council. The council shall consist of in no case fewer than five teachers who are to be chosen by the principal.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be a president, secretary, treasurer, and a vice president. The vice president shall be elected in the Spring.
- Section 2. Elected officers shall hold office for one year.
- Section 3. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken on the candidates who have received the highest number of votes.
- Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings.
- Section 5. In the absence of the president, the advisor shall fill the chair of the president until the office of vice president is filled. At that time, the vice president shall become the president.
- Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

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

ARTICLE VI

Faculty Supervision

- Section 1. The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal who shall appoint an advisor to the chapter from the faculty members.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

- Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held on a regular basis throughout the school year.
- Section 2. No student is permitted to be absent from a meeting or NHS activity if he is in school, unless he is excused personally by the faculty advisor.
- Section 3. Any student absent from a meeting or NHS activity without being previously excused will be asked to come before the Executive Committee. Any student missing two meetings or activities, unexcused, will be automatically dropped from membership.
- Section 4. The first regular meeting of each year shall be for the election of officers with the exception of the Vice President. The first Spring meeting after Induction, a Vice President will be elected who will serve as Vice President his/her senior year.
- Section 5. Special meetings, approved by the faculty advisor, may be held under the sponsorship of the principal or the faculty advisor.
- Section 6. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the principal or the faculty advisor.

ARTICLE VIII

Emblem

- Section 1. Each Senior member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.
- Section 2. Any member who withdraws from or is dropped from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.
- Section 3. No student except a fully qualified member shall be allowed to wear the National Honor Society emblem. The emblem can, on motion of the Executive Committee, be commandeered.

ARTICLE IX

Plagiarism

- Section 1. All forms of plagiarism and illegal use of academic material reported by a classroom teacher are considered cheating.
- Section 2. The teacher will report the incident to the school administrator who in turn will report the incident to the advisor(s) of the National Honor Society.
- Section 3. Any student accused of cheating will have the opportunity to meet and discuss with the Faculty Council before a decision is rendered. The student has the right to have his parents with him.
- Section 4. All members of the Faculty Council must be present for a vote on disciplinary decisions.
- Section 5. If the majority of the advisory board votes to confirm the incident of cheating, such a finding is cause for immediate dismissal from the National Honor Society.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

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