

Chapter Bylaws of the Twin Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society

Adopted: 12/19/18

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Twin Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter 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 Twin Valley High School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NHS. See www.nhs.us/constitutions. In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 3: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 4: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: 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 2: Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3: Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the sophomore or junior class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Twin Valley High School.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75 on a weighted 4.0 scale at the end of the Fall Semester of that year.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisers shall be the sixth and seventh, nonvoting, ex officio members of the faculty council.

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

Section 3: Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form for further consideration.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official input form provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.
- e. Candidate attendance records, disciplinary records and other relevant information shall be reviewed.

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

Section 5: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 6: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The faculty council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1: Annual dues for this chapter shall be payable within 30 days of the date of induction.

Section 2: Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 3: Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 4: Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor stoles at graduation.

Section 5: Chapter members must complete a minimum of 15 hours per semester that 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. Eight of these activities must be provided by the Twin Valley Chapter of National Honor Society.

Section 6: Each member is to exhibit the four cardinal principles at all times. (Leadership, Character, Service, and Scholarship)

Section 7. Chapter members are to attend all monthly meetings. Academic exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

Section 8. Each member is expected to tutor two Twin Valley High School Students per semester (This requirement may change due to the number of requests received).

Section 9. Twin Valley National Honor Society students should not wear their NHS pin on the same side as the emblem on their polo shirt.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer Service Chair, Induction chair and Tutor Chair.

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected at the May meeting of each school year. All members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote 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 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 of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section 5: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of available opportunities for contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6: The Secretary shall keep the minutes for meetings, verify attendance and be responsible for all official correspondence.

Section 7: The Treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8: The Service Chair is in charge of coordinating and informing members of different service opportunities.

Section 9: The Induction Chair collects induction paperwork, creates a slideshow for the ceremony, and assists advisors with organizing induction night.

Section 10: The Tutor Chair regularly collects tutor requests from Guidance and coordinates with members to fulfill student and parent requests.

Section 11: Officers and the faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's Leadership Council. The Leadership Council shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the Leadership Council is subject to the review of the chapter members.

Section 12: If an officer position is not filled, the adviser may elect someone to fill the position.

Section 13: In the instance an officer cannot uphold an elected officer position and resigns from the position the adviser may elect someone to fill the position. If numerous positions need to be refilled a new election will take place to fill the vacant positions.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser.

Section 2: The Leadership Council shall conduct this chapter's monthly meetings.

Section 3: Members are expected to attend all meetings, however meetings can be excused due to extenuating circumstances (ie. illness or an academic reason approved by the advisers). It is the responsibility of the chapter member to request information from the adviser or an officer if a meeting is missed.

ARTICLE IX: 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 and promote its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Twin Valley Chapter of National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take 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 a 3.75, he/she will be given written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter. Members grades are also checked weekly to ensure that their class grades do not fall below 74%. Any member whose grade falls below 74% will receive a written warning followed by probation until the end of the semester. Those who do not improve their grade will be dismissed from the Chapter at that time.

Section 3: Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

Section 4: Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, 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 considered for dismissal.

Section 5: Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the faculty council.

Section 6: In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member has the right to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the faculty council prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the faculty council vote will be presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.
- e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 7: In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW.

Section 1: These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles V and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal (selection and discipline).

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