

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY
Reading Junior High School
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the name of the appropriate junior high school, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Junior Honor Society, duly signed by the National Council.

Section 2: The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate the desire to render service, promote worthy leadership and to encourage the development of character in students at the Junior High School level.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in this chapter will be known as active or honorary. Honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 2: Membership in this chapter is an honor and responsibility bestowed on members by the faculty, and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character.

ARTICLE III: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Members are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service and character by which they were selected while on-campus and off-campus.

Section 2: Members are expected to respect school rules and civil law are all times and in all settings. This includes on-campus as well as off-campus.

Section 3: Members are expected to participate in a t least 10 hours of individual service to the community each semester. This can be done all at once or broken up into various activities. **Documentation of series must be turned in to the chapter sponsor and should have supervisor contact information for the sponsor to use to verify the service time.** Both the member and an adult or faculty member who witnessed the service must sign the form.

Section 4: Members are expected to attend all of the scheduled meeting. Officers will be expected to attend the general meetings as well as the scheduled officer meetings. **If the member is unable to attend, it is his/her responsibility to notify the sponsor of the reason, prior to the scheduled meeting.**

Section 5: **Members are expected to pay yearly dues of \$15 by the second meeting of the school year.** Members who cannot meet this financial requirement should contact the chapter sponsor.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section1: Any member who falls below the standards by which they were selected, shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter sponsor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. A member may be placed on probation or considered for dismissal from this chapter if a violation of the standards occurs, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law. The faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 2: If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the required 85% standard in effect when he or she was selected, he or she will be given a warning and a period of six weeks to meet the requirement. If the cumulative GPA remains below the standard at the end of the waring period, the student will be referred to the Faculty Council, which may include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3: If a member violates the Student Code of Conduct, the Faculty Sponsor will meet with the member to discuss the incident and may be referred to Faculty Council for disciplinary action which may include consideration for dismissal.

Section 4: If a member violates civil law, he or she will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 5: If a member fails to perform any obligations of membership, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the grace period, the student will be subject

to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 6: In all cases of pending dismissal, a member will have the right to a hearing before the Faculty Council. **This hearing is required and is considered “due process” for all members.**

- a. The member and his/her parents will be notified of the pending dismissal by letter and phone call from the sponsor, providing the reason for possible dismissal from the chapter. The member and sponsor will discuss the written notification in a conference and a recommendation made to the Advisory Council.
- b. If a recommendation has been made to dismiss the member, the individual and parents of the member will be provided a hearing/due process and allowed an opportunity to meet with the Faculty Council. The member and parent will hear the reasons for the recommendation for dismissal and be able to provide additional material to substantiate the student’s continued membership in the organization. The Faculty Council must approve the recommendation for dismissal by a majority vote of its members. After the hearing, if the Faculty Council votes to dismiss the member, the school principal will be notified of the Faculty Council’s decision. The NJHS Sponsor will notify member and his/her parents of the Faculty Council’s decision and provide information with an appeals process.
- c. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to the principal. Should the campus principal uphold the recommendation for dismissal, the member may appeal the decision to the district Executive Director for Secondary Education. That appeal decision will be final.
- d. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 7: In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose probationary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

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

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Dates and times of meeting shall be decided by the chapter sponsor and Faculty Council, using the school’s activity calendar as an aid to avoid potential conflict. The dates and times will then be presented to the school principal for approval.

Section 2: The chapter shall conduct its meeting according to *Robert’s Rules of Order*.

Section 3: As mentioned previously in Article III, Section 4, members are expected to attend all of the meetings.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: 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 III and IV, which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Section 2: Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Junior Honor Society.