

JENNINGS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Jennings Chapter of the National Honor Society of Jennings High School.

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 Jennings High School.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Members demonstrate leadership and good character, both in school and in the community. They maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Section 2: Members must complete a minimum of 25 hours of service in the community per school year. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3: 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 4: The NHS membership standards:

- a. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, to be checked after each semester.
- b. 25 hours of service each school year
 - 10 hours of individual service each semester and 5 hours of at least one Chapter projects (service hours will be audited the ^[1]~~[5]~~ last day before Christmas vacation and the last day finals).
- c. Behave ethically as defined by Jennings High School's Code of Conduct
- d. Attend all mandatory monthly meetings. Students receive meeting schedule at the ^[1]~~[5]~~ start of the year and are expected to manage their schedules which includes communicating this obligation to employers, coaches, advisers and parents. Documentation must be submitted prior to a missed meeting. Documentation must be submitted upon return to school in the case of an unexpected early dismissal.

Section 5: Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Jennings High School.
- c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 out of 4.0. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE III: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, nonvoting member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2: Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership.

Section 3: The selection of new active members shall be held once a year during the spring semester.

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

Section 5: Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 6: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his or her membership and signed by the principal or chapter adviser.

Section 7: 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 or her membership.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be considered for dismissal from the Jennings Chapter of the Nation Honor Society. A member of the chapter of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his or her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his or her school and community.

Section 2: If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect when he or she was selected (3.5 on a 4.0 scale), he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3: The Strike Policy 

a. Strikes will be received for infractions. One strike results in probationary status which serves as a warning to the member. A second strike of any kind will result in dismissal. Dismissal is permanent. Students cannot reapply.

b. Students will receive a strike for all of the following:

- Not participating in the NHS partner event which the member has scheduled for him or herself, unless the member finds a substitute. If the member fails to attend a partner event at all during the year, the member will be dismissed.
- Unexcused absence from a monthly meeting or induction

c. Excused absences include:

- Away sporting events and/or school performances
- Excused school-day absences (documentation must be submitted upon return to school)
- College visits (admissions office documentation must be submitted in advance of the meeting)
- Early dismissal due to illness as documented by school nurse (parent note must be submitted)
- Appointments which cannot be rescheduled with documentation

d. Unexcused absences include:

- Practices
- Other group/club meetings
- Non-emergency early dismissals
- Work/internships

e. Failing to complete all service hours (10 hours first semester, 15 hours second semester)

- If a student fails to complete 10 hours of service in the first semester, the student receives a strike which will be removed once the student makes up those hours during the second semester (in addition to the 15 second semester hours). If the student fails to complete her 10 hours for the first semester and 15 hours second semester, the student will be dismissed.
- If a student only completes between 5 and 15 hours of service during second semester, the hours must be made up during the Summer. If service hours are not made up during the Summer, a second strike will be automatically issued, resulting in dismissal. Once the hours have been retroactively completed, the student will no longer be on probation (strike is removed).
- Any senior who does not complete all of their service hours by the time of the second semester audit will not receive a NHS tassel, because probationary status

disqualifies a student from receiving a NHS tassel. After the second semester audit, no provisions are available to resolve the probationary status.

- The second semester audit of service hours for seniors will be at the First Rehearsal for the Induction Ceremony. For the rest of the members will take place on the last day of final exams.

Section 4: If a member fails to perform any of the published 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 warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 5: Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI; stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.

Section 6: Offenders of the school conduct code will receive a written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council, student, or parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 7: In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser or the Faculty Council. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning, although a hearing must still be held.
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. 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 reviewed by the principal and then, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents, and principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the principal and afterward through the school district discipline policy.
- e. 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 Honor Society.

Section 8: In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as needed appropriate.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

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

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.

Section 3: 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 for the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4: It shall be duty for the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter.

Section 5: The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president, shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service, and shall be in charge of service projects for the chapter.

Section 6: The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence and keep the record of the chapter's activities during the calendar year beginning with his or her election. The secretary and the historian are responsible for the Chapter website.

Section 7: The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter, and work with the adviser to promote the chapter. The treasurer also will be responsible to organize all fundraisers.

Section 8: The historian shall keep a record of the chapter activities, take pictures of events and is responsible for the Chapter Scrapbook. The secretary and the historian are responsible for the Chapter website.

Section 9: If duly elected officers do not perform their duties as described or assigned, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the officer's performance does not improve, the Faculty Council may choose to remove him or her from office. In this instance, a letter regarding removal from office will be upon approval by the principal, sent to the officer and his or her parents.

Section 10: If an officer is unable to complete their duties, the Faculty Council may upon recommendation of the chapter adviser, appoint a current member of the chapter to complete the duties of that office for the current year of election.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the faculty adviser and the chapter officers.

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of chapter members.

Section 3: The executive committee shall meet 2 days before the chapter meeting

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings will be held monthly at 3:00 pm with specific dates released at the beginning of the academic year.

Section 2: Special meetings of this chapter may be called by the president of the chapter with permission of the chapter adviser.

Section 3: Refer to the strike policy above for specific information regarding meeting attendance.

Section 4: Members wishing to bring topics up for discussion during meetings will inform a chapter officer or adviser at least 1 week prior to the meeting so the topic can be placed on the meeting agenda.

Section 5: Copies of the meeting agendas will be available at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1: The chapter shall determine a minimum of 2 service projects for each year.

Section 2: All members shall regularly participate in these projects. Failure to participate will necessitate the member making up the project hours with verified community service.

Section 3: These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need with 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 that 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 its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE IX: EMBLEM

Section 1: Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 2: Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter. If the members purchased such emblems, the chapter is obligated to reimburse the student for said expense.

Section 3: Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor stole at commencement exercises.

ARTICLE X: POWERS

Section 1: The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 2: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3: These bylaws are designed to amplify provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the national constitution in all activities it undertakes.

ARTICLE XI: 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 (selection and discipline), which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

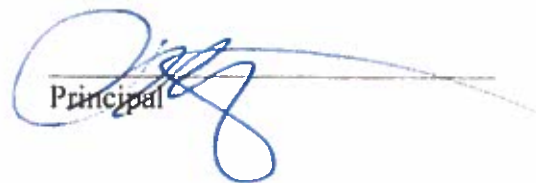
Section 2: Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Honor Society.

Dated: 3/31/2017


Chapter President


Chapter Secretary


Chapter Adviser


Principal