

# **Chester County High School NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

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

Section 2. The purpose of this chapter shall be to build character, to develop leadership, to inspire scholarship, and to render service in Chester County Schools.

## **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Seniors having a grade point average of 93.0 or above shall be eligible for membership in this chapter. Grade point averages will be calculated based upon performance during the freshmen, sophomore, and junior years of high school.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by a faculty committee and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, 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 three faculty members appointed by the adviser.

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 Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form in order to determine membership.

Section 3. The selection of new, active members shall be held during the fall trimester of the school year.

Section 4. Candidates become members immediately upon acceptance and payment of dues.

## **ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE, PROBATION, and DISMISSAL**

Section 1. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing, take an active role in service and leadership, and exhibit exemplary character while a member of the National Honor Society. Members who fail to maintain those standards may be dismissed from the Chester County High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. A member must participate in all meetings and activities of the National Honor Society.

Section 3. Failure of members to participate in the required service activities to the chapter advisor by a date preselected in the spring of each year. Failure to participate will result in dismissal from the Chester County High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 4. Violation of the law will result in a disciplinary hearing and the potential dismissal of the member. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, truancy, possession, bullying, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Section 5. Violation of the school conduct code may result in a disciplinary hearing and the potential dismissal of the member. These violations include, but are not limited to use of profanity, cheating, failure to comply, unexcused absence, and/or excessive tardiness.

## **ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS**

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall held on a as-needed basis. Students will be notified in advance.

Section 2. All chapter members are expected to attend announced chapter meetings. If unable to attend members must let the advisor know prior to the meeting of any conflict.

## **ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES**

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. 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 3. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

## **ARTICLE IX: STOLE**

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 stole adopted by the National Honor Society at graduation.

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

Section 3. Chapter members who have failed to meet the membership requirements of the Chester County High School chapter of NHS will not be allowed to wear the stole at graduation.

Section 4. Stoles are on loan from Chester County High School. They are to be returned at the conclusion of graduation ceremonies. Students will, however, be given the opportunity to purchase stoles at cost.

## **ARTICLE X: DUES**

Section 1. Dues in the amount of \$30.00 will be payable in the fall.

## **ARTICLE XI: 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 XII: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These by-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Adherence to these by-laws by the chapter is mandatory, or the chapter may face loss of charter from the national organization.