

# **BYLAWS OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME HIGH SCHOOL**

## **CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1. The name of this chapter will be the Mountain Home High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. The object of this chapter will 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 the students of Mountain Home High School.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership in this chapter will be based on Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 2. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter will have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. This scholastic level of achievement will remain fixed and will be the required minimum scholastic level of 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. Their eligibility will then be considered based upon their service, leadership, and character.

Section 3. All members, regardless of class, are required to attend the annual NHS induction ceremony at the beginning of the year. Attendance is also required at any induction related activities.

Section 4. If a member feels that another student in the organization has committed an infraction that reflects poor character, leadership, scholarship, or service, that member may seek to have the issues go before the Faculty Council by submitting his/her concerns in writing to the adviser.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. The final selection of members to this chapter will be made by the majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser will be the sixth, non-voting, and ex-officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Prior to the final selection the following will occur:

a. At the beginning of the first (fall) semester, an announcement will be made to the student body asking for students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 who wish to be considered for membership to fill out a Student Activity Information Form and return it to the faculty adviser.

b. Students who complete the form will have their academic records reviewed to determine eligibility.

c. The faculty will be requested to comment on candidates determined to be scholastically eligible.

d. The Student Activity Form and faculty comments will be reviewed by the Faculty Council.

Section 3. The selection of active members will be held once a year during the first semester of the school year. (Alternative or additional selection periods may be added.)

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter, signed by the principal, indicating the status of his or her membership.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be considered, with minimum recommendation requirements and at least one letter of recommendation for membership in this chapter.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **DISMISSAL**

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service will be dismissed from the Mountain Home High School chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain an active role in service and leadership to his or her school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he or she was selected, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below 3.5 at the end of the warning period, the student will be dismissed from the chapter. Seniors will not receive honor stoles if their cumulative GPA is below 3.5.

Section 3. Violation of criminal law or school regulations will result in the dismissal of the member. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, truancy, or possession, selling or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.

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 will be dismissed.

Section 5. Any member whose personal conduct is questionable in accordance with the accepted norms of student behavior may be dismissed by the Faculty Council.

Section 6. In the case of pending dismissal:

a. The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser/Faculty Council. The member and adviser will then discuss the written notification in a conference.

b. The member will be offered a hearing with the Faculty Council prior the dismissal. The member has the opportunity to present his or her defense. The Faculty Council will then vote in a closed session on whether to dismiss.

c. A letter of dismissal will be sent to the principal, student, and parents if the student is dismissed. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.

d. The member may appeal the Faculty Council's decision to the principal.

e. When a student is dismissed, he or she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership into the National Honor Society.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the chapter will be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Parliamentarian.

Section 2. Student officers will be elected at the last meeting of each school year from current chapter members. The office of president must be selected from a rising-senior; however, the remaining offices may be held by any current member.

Section 3. A majority vote will be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote will be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. It will be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter.

Section 5. The vice-president will preside in the absence of the president and will also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6. The secretary will keep minutes of meetings and be responsible for correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer will keep the record of business expenses, dues, etc.

Section 8. The historian will be responsible for maintaining the National Honor Society scrapbook for the Mountain Home Chapter.

Section 9. The parliamentarian will represent the interests of this chapter at all NHS meetings and see that parliamentarian procedures are followed.

Section 10. If an officer misses two or more officer meetings of which he/she had prior knowledge, and no proper excuse, the officer will be relieved of his/her duties.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

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

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ACTIVITIES**

Section 1. The chapter will determine four or more participation projects for each year. Each member must attend one participation project each nine weeks. If the member does not attend he/she will be placed on probation. If the member is a senior, he/she will not receive their graduation stole. To be excused, a member must present third party documentation. If no documentation is presented, the member must complete two additional service hours approved by the sponsor.

Section 2. All members will regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3. These projects will 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 will have the responsibility for choosing and participating in a service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the

chapter projects to which all members contribute. Each member is responsible for completing 12 service hours per semester. Failure to provide service hour documentation will result in a probationary period. At the end of the probationary period, if proof of service hours is still lacking, the member will be recommended to the Faculty Council for dismissal.

Section 5. Each member will have the opportunity to volunteer starting August 1st.

Section 6. Members are required to volunteer at three different places, in addition to two participation hours.

Section 7. Members are not allowed to count hours during school (8:00 am to 3:30 pm,) with the exception of lunch.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **MEETINGS**

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter will be monthly during the time assigned by the Student Council.

Section 2. Attendance at club meetings shall be required for all NHS members. If a member must miss a meeting, he/she should get the absence excused by the sponsor. More than 2 unexcused absences will result in the member being placed on probation. The probation shall be revoked at the end of the school year, if no more unexcused absences have occurred. Additional unexcused absences will result in the member being recommended for dismissal from NHS.

Section 3. The chapter will conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **EMBLEM**

Section 1. Each member of this chapter will be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter will return that emblem to the chapter.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **DUES**

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter are \$15.00.

Section 2. Dues will be payable to the chapter treasurer along with the completed application or by the given due date set by the chapter advisor.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 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 Honor Society.