

## CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

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

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 the students of Centennial High School.

### ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate and honorary members have no vote in chapter affairs.

Section 2. **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 3. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be first semester sophomores or active high school members from other chapters (students who transfer).
- b. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative weighted grade point average of **3.5**. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be the required by the CHS chapter.
- c. 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 grade point average, service, leadership, character, and completion of application as well as teacher recommendations.

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

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students' discipline records shall be reviewed to indicate honor.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate each candidate's character and leadership in the classroom setting using two Teacher Recommendation Forms provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the student application and teacher recommendations in order to determine membership.

Section 3. The selection of new, active members shall be held once during the fall semester.

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 a letter indicating the status of his/her membership and signed by the Principal [*alt., adviser*].

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 IV: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the CHS chapter of the 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 3.5, he /she will be given a written warning and a 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 may include dismissal from the chapter.**

Section 3. **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 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absence, 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 dismissed.

Section 5. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser/Faculty Council. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant

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violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held (see below).

- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him/her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the 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 in writing. 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 building principal and afterwards through the school district discipline policy.
- e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 6. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed 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 selected by majority vote. The newly selected officers will be announced at the last meeting of each school year.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter.

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

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep and report the record of chapter expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

### ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisers 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 the chapter members.

### ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly.

Section 2. **All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly-scheduled chapter meetings. If a member misses two or more meetings, they will automatically be dismissed. A warning will be issued after the second meeting is missed.**

### ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall conduct 2-3 service projects a year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects, plus obtain 10 community service hours per semester.

### 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. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor stole at graduation along with receiving the emblem on their diploma.

### ARTICLE X: DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$15.00 increasing to \$20.00 if not paid by the conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

Section 2. Dues will be payable to the chapter treasurer.

### ARTICLE XI: GOOD STANDING

Section 1. A member will be considered in good standing if his/her dues have been paid.

Section 2. A member will be considered in good standing if he/she has completed, documented, and turned in the appropriate number of service hours.

### ARTICLE XII: 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.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ have thoroughly read and completely understand the *Centennial High School National Honor Society By-Laws*. I agree to abide by these rules as a requirement of my continued membership in CHS NHS.

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*Member Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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