

HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the Southeast Guilford High School chapter of the National Honor Society shall be the Southeast Guilford National Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Southeast Guilford High School.

II

Membership

Section 1. The members of the society shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at the time of graduation. Graduate members do not have the right to vote.

Section 2. Candidates for membership shall be selected on the basis of their scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Section 3. Candidates eligible for membership shall be second-semester juniors or first-semester seniors (for the fall induction) who have a scholastic average of 3.5 unweighted or better for the period of time that they have been enrolled at Southeast Guilford High School.

Section 4. To be eligible for membership the candidates must have spent at least one semester at Southeast Guilford or have transferred their membership according to the rules of the National Council.

III

Selection of Members

Section 1. The selection of members of the society shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the National Council.

Section 2. An induction ceremony shall be held twice per year (spring for juniors, fall for seniors).

Section 3. The format of the induction ceremony shall be in accordance with suggested ceremonies contained in the NHS handbook.

Section 4. Students wishing to appeal a Spring faculty council decision should reapply in the Fall. Faculty council does not hear appeals in the Spring.

IV Dues

Section 1. Dues for the organization shall be \$15.00 payable at induction.

Section 2. Dues shall be considered a school obligation. Failure to pay dues shall result in forfeiting the privilege of participating in commencement exercises as a National Honor Society member.

V Maintenance of Membership Dismissal Procedure

Section 1. All members must maintain the four principles of scholarship, service, character, and leadership in order to continue in good standing with the Southeast Guilford High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. In order to maintain the principles of service, leadership, and character, members are expected to complete at least two NHS approved service projects per year, completing at least one per semester.

Section 3. Any person whose average for the term falls below the eligibility requirement in scholarship or who receives an N or U in conduct shall be placed on automatic probation for the next report period.

Section 4. Probation will also be recommended for members who do not complete a service project per semester. Service projects must be completed in order for members to participate in commencement exercises wearing their National Honor Society cord.

Section 5. The name of any person who does not make the minimum eligibility requirement in either scholarship or service during any probation period shall be submitted to faculty council for investigation and possible dismissal action. The faculty council, at the end of its investigation, may vote for continued probation or dismissal. In any case, the person shall retain the right to appear in person before the faculty council.

Section 6. A member is allowed only one automatic probation period, but he or she is allowed additional numbers of continued probation periods, subject only to the discretion of the faculty council. After a person uses his or her automatic probation period, his or her name may be submitted to the faculty council immediately if he or she does not fulfill the minimum eligibility requirements during a marking period. The council, as in Section 5, may vote for continued probation or dismissal.

Section 7. Any member in violation of civic or school regulations may be dismissed from membership without a probationary period.

Section 8. The faculty council shall have jurisdiction over dismissal cases.

Section 9. A member who is on probation shall not be denied the right to vote or participate in NHS activities.

VI Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held monthly, at a time agreed upon by the executive committee and the advisors.

Section 2. Notification of meetings shall be announced during the school announcements/Remind 101 and by executive board.

Section 3. Members are allowed one excused absence approved by an NHS advisor.

VII Officers

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

Section 2. The duties of the president shall be to preside over all meetings of the society, to arrange for called meetings when necessary, and to appoint and supervise all committees.

Section 3. The duties of the vice president shall be to preside over all meetings of the society, to arrange for called meetings when necessary, and to appoint and supervise all committees.

Section 4. The duties of the secretary shall be to notify members of meetings, and to keep an accurate record of all meetings.

Section 5. The duties of the treasurer shall be to collect and keep a record of all financial dealings of the society.

Section 6. The duties of the historian shall be to document NHS activities with a scrapbook and prepare a slideshow for the spring induction.

Section 7. The duties of the parliamentarian shall be to adhere to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 8. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership.

VIII Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the society shall be the executive, finance, and social.

Section 2. The executive committee shall consist of the officers and faculty sponsors and shall have general charge of the meetings and business affairs of the society, but any section on the part of the executive committee shall be subject to review by the society.

Section 3. The finance committee shall plan for all fundraisers and any other monetary functions. All members are expected to participate in these club fundraisers and are encouraged to participate in work-related fundraisers.

Section 4. The social committee shall have charge of the initiation of new members, and all other social functions of the society.

Section 5. Temporary (ad hoc) committees may be appointed by the president.

IX Faculty Supervision

Section 1. All meetings shall be held under the direction of the principal or some other faculty member appointed by the principal.

Section 2. The activities of the society shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

X Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws shall be amended by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the society. Absentee ballots may be used in voting on amendments.

Section 2. All bylaws must be in accordance with the Constitution as set forth by the National Council.