

Northern Guilford High School National Honor Society Chapter Bylaws

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Northern Guilford High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NGHS NHS).

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 Northern Guilford High School.

Article II: Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or 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 election to this chapter must be members of the 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 Northern Guilford High School.
- c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 weighted or 3.5 unweighted. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy.
- d. Determination of eligibility shall take place immediately following the end of the school year for rising junior and senior candidates.
- e. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA 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 5 voting faculty members appointed by the principal.

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

- a. Student's academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Northern Guilford High School National Honor Society Candidate Information form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate the candidates determined to be academically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the submissions in order to determine membership.

Section 3. The selection of new members shall be held once a year during the beginning of the school year for juniors and seniors. Individuals new to the school, may be selected after meeting the one semester attendance requirement, by a special session called by the Adviser.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a ceremony to be held once a year in the fall.

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 to retain his or her membership.

ARTICLE IV: Obligations of Members

Section 1. Dues for this chapter shall be \$25, which includes the cost of membership card, emblem, and graduation cords. Dues will be payable to the chapter within 30 days of induction or transfer. Members not financially able to pay dues should personally contact the NGHS NHS Adviser.

Section 2. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 3. Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 4. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor cords at graduation.

Section 5. Chapter members are expected to attend meetings if called for, and to participate in both individual and chapter service projects, approved by the chapter Adviser, including 18 service hours per academic school year to maintain their membership in good standing.

Article V: 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 Northern Guilford High School chapter of the National Honor Society. A member 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 (4.0 weighted or 3.5 unweighted), 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. 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 remain unmet at the end of the warning of period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4. 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 or property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school related activities.

Section 5. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absence, excessive tardiness, etc.) 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 6. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser. 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 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, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student and parents. 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 or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 7. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

Article VI: Officers

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

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected shortly after induction. All 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 office of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The vote results must be approved by the Faculty Council and the principal.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school or community functions.

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

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

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

Section 8. The historian shall be responsible to develop, implement and maintain all social media communications, public relations, outreach, and event activities and materials.

Section 9. If for any reason, an officer is unable or does not fulfill the duties of his or her position, he or she will be asked to step down and an election will be held in order to fill the vacancy.

Article VII: Executive Committee

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

Section 2. The executive committee under the review of the chapter members 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 VIII: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser.

Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Section 3. All chapter members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings.

Article IX: Activities

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

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

Section 3. These projects shall have the following character: Fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; 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 their talents and interests that must be pre-approved by the chapter Adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5. The Historian shall publicize all projects in a positive manner.

Article X: Official Insignia

Section 1. This organization shall use the official NHS emblem.

Section 2. Each active, honorary, or alumni member in good standing with the chapter shall be entitled to wear this emblem.

Section 3. Any member who resigns or is dismissed shall return the emblem to the chapter adviser.

Section 4. The motto of the National Honor Society shall be Noblesse Oblige.

Section 5. The official colors of the National Honor Society shall be blue and gold.

Section 6. An alumni member may purchase a replacement for a lost emblem by verifying membership to the national office.

ARTICLE XI: Ratification, Approval, and Review.

Section 1. These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2. These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

Article XII: Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by the Executive Committee based on the recommendations of the membership and approved by the Faculty council and principal.

Section 2. 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 II, III, and V, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.

Approved on September 07, 2021

Chapter President

Chapter Secretary

Adviser(s)

Principal