

# **Bylaws of the Edison High School Chapter Of the National Honor Society**

- ARTICLE I                    NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION**  
Section 1.                    The name of this organization shall be the Edison Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools (NHS).
- ARTICLE II                    PURPOSE OF THE GROUP**  
Section 1.                    The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.
- ARTICLE III                    POWERS VESTED IN THE ORGANIZATION; THE RIGHT TO VETO BY THE PRINCIPAL**
- Section 1.                    The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.
- Section 2.                    The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions.
- Section 3.                    The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.
- Section 4.                    The chapter adviser shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.
- Section 5.                    The chapter adviser shall be a non-voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council.
- ARTICLE IV                    DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE GROUP**
- Section 1.                    Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by approval of the Faculty Council; and is based on outstanding scholarship (3.445 GPA accumulative), leadership (35 points), service (5 hours minimum) and character (recommendation of the faculty of EHS). Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities by maintaining their GPA, earning an additional 15 leadership points, and completing 5 additional service hours.
- Section 2.                    Membership shall be known as Potential and Active. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no further voice or vote in chapter affairs.
- Section 3.                    Potential candidates become active members when inducted at a special ceremony.
- Section 4.                    Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated by their chapters to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program.

- Section 5. A National Honor Society member who transfers into Edison High School and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.
- Section 6. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

**ARTICLE V ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TIME, METHODS, AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester. Some candidates may be ineligible for induction because of the semester ruling. Many students, including students of military parents, are required to move with parents or guardians who have transferred in their work. The present school principal should seek a recommendation from the previous school principal pursuant to the candidate's selection. Based on the recommendation of the previous principal, the Faculty Council may waive the semester regulation.
- Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.445 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent standard of excellence. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of leadership, service, and character.
- Section 3. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.
- Section 4. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the Faculty Council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

**ARTICLE VI DISMISSAL**

- Section 1. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.
- Section 2. Active members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules (school suspension) or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned.
- Section 3. The Faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.
- Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the Faculty Council.

Section 5. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the Faculty Council is required; decision of the Faculty Council is final.

Section 6. The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

**ARTICLE VII FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS, AND PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS**

Section 1. The Edison Chapter of National Honor Society shall have regular meetings, of all active members, during the school year on the first Tuesday of every month. Special meetings may be called by the chapter president or the advisor when circumstances necessitate it. Attendance at these meetings is a requirement; active members failing to maintain 90% attendance will receive a written warning and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency.

Section 2. Chapters shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in all points not expressly provided for in this Constitution or the chapter bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE OFFICERS, THE ADVISOR, AND MEMBERS**

Section 1. New officers shall be installed at a special ceremony. Upon installation, the junior officers will work side by side with the chapter advisor to plan for the upcoming year.

Section 2. Chapter officers shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 3. All active members must participate in these projects.

Section 4. 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 5. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in a service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 6. Each chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

**ARTICLE IX PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS, REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, AND FILLING VACANCIES.**

Section 1. Officer candidates will meet with the chapter advisor prior to elections to express an interest.

Section 2. Ballots will be created to reflect all interested parties, students will vote on the candidates at a special meeting, person with the most votes becomes President, second most becomes vice president, third most becomes treasurer, and fourth most becomes secretary.

Section 3. New officers shall be installed at a special ceremony. Upon installation, the junior officers will work side by side with the chapter advisor to plan for the upcoming year.

**ARTICLE X METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE BYLAWS**

- Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter, the chapter adviser, and the school principal.
- Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as are specified in the chapter bylaws. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.
- Section 3. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

**ARTICLE XI PROVISIONS FOR AMENDING THE BYLAWS**

- Section 1. The executive committee shall propose the amendment to the bylaws as well as their justification, to the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council will discuss said amendment, and will respond in writing within 30 days of the proposal. Amendment will take effect for the incoming potential members for the next school year.
- Section 2. Students that have been granted potential membership under the old standard will be grandfathered in under the old standard. It will be a minimum of two (2) consecutive school years before the amendment will affect the active members becoming inducted members.

**Ratification of Bylaws**

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