



# GOHS Chapter Bylaws

## **Bylaws of the National Honor Society, Grand Oaks Chapter**

### Article I – Name and Purpose

*Section 1.* The name of this chapter shall be the Grand Oaks High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which operates on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society duly signed by the National Secretary.

*Section 2.* The object of the 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 all students of Grand Oaks High School.

### Article II – Membership

*Section 1.* Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

*Section 2.* Members of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members upon their graduation.

*Section 3.* To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester in this school.

*Section 4.* Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the incoming senior class. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum scholarship average of above 4.25 (on the 6.0 weighted scale). This scholastic level of achievement shall be the required minimum scholastic level of admission to candidacy. The scholarship requirement does not mean automatic admission; it is only the door for consideration for membership by the NHS Faculty Council. Candidates' eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character. Next, the Council's recommendations are submitted to the principal for approval. Then, the candidates are notified.

### Article III – Selection and Dismissal of Members

*Section 1.* The selection of members of this chapter of the National Honor Society shall be by a Faculty Council consisting of the chapter adviser(s) appointed by the principal.

*Section 2.* Any member of the faculty may voice opinions of eligible students as to service, leadership, and character.

*Section 3.* Any member who falls below the standards, which were the basis of his/her selection, shall be promptly warned by the adviser. These conditions include but is not limited to falling below the GPA standard, serious disciplinary action/offense, and/or failure to perform the service duties associated with NHS membership. Should the student fall under any of these conditions, then that member's membership may be forfeited. Any serious disciplinary action/offense resulting in assignment to DAEP, suspension (ISS/OSS), and/or JJAEP may result in immediate dismissal from NHS.

*Section 4.* When the Faculty Council has decided to dismiss a member, he/she will be notified in writing and his/her emblem, membership card, and certificate should be returned to the adviser or principal.

*Section 5.* An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will present the chapter adviser with a letter from his/her former principal or NHS adviser indicating the status of his/her membership. He/She will be automatically accepted into the chapter but must maintain the membership requirements of the new chapter in order to continue his/her 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/her membership at the time of transfer which will be signed by the principal or adviser.

#### Article IV – Executive Committee and Officers

*Section 1.* The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, appointed chairpersons, and the adviser(s).

*Section 2.* The Executive Committee shall meet one week prior to each meeting of the general membership.

*Section 3.* The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, and historian.

*Section 4.* A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. Should an officer move or be dismissed during the course of the year, the members may fill the position through election. No member on probation may seek office.

*Section 5.* Committee chairpersons and other positions may be appointed as needed.

## Article V – Supervision

*Section 1.* The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the adviser and the administration.

*Section 2.* The adviser shall be appointed by the principal to supervise the chapter activities on a continuing basis.

## Article VI – Meetings

*Section 1.* The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal.

*Section 2.* The officers of the chapter shall be elected near the end of the school year to serve during the next school term.

*Section 3.* Special meetings, approved by the adviser, may be called by the president.

*Section 4.* All general meetings shall be open meetings and shall be under the sponsorship of the adviser.

*Section 5.* This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to parliamentary procedure in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

## Article VII – Emblem

*Section 1.* Each member in good standing of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

*Section 2.* Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from this chapter shall return the emblem. (See Article III, Section 3.)

*Section 3.* Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to him/her as a gift, a personal purchase, an award, or from whatever source, the title of the emblem shall rest with the chapter of which he/she is a member. The Faculty Council can, after following due process, by a majority vote, request that any member return the emblem. Each member agrees that his/her acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the emblem.

## Article VIII – Dues and Fees

*Section 1.* Members must participate in activities of the chapter during the year. The requirements to receive an honor collar are: maintain the GPA requirement; attend a majority of the meetings; complete a total minimum of 30 volunteer service hours; participate in at least one NHS project; participate in NHS activities; pay the dues and

fees. Failure to comply with these requirements will cause forfeiture of recognition at graduation (i.e. wearing the NHS graduation collar).

*Section 2.* Members shall treat with decorum and respect the emblem and honors of this organization.

#### Article X – Amendments

*Section 1.* This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the principal and adviser and that notice to members has been given to members.

## **National Honor Society Candidate Pledge**

I pledge to maintain high scholastic standing,  
    To hold as fundamental and worthy  
        An untarnished character,  
    To endeavor intelligently and courageously  
        To be a leader,  
And to give of myself freely in service to others  
    In doing so, I shall prove myself worthy  
    Of a place in National Honor Society

**“Membership is a privilege, not a right.”**  
*Edward Ryneason*