

By-Laws For National Junior Honor Society

Nolan Middle School

Article 1: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in the students of Nolan Middle School.

Section 2. The NJHS shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association OF Secondary School Principles (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA, 222091.

Article 2: The Principal

Section 1. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint a Faculty Council composed of three-five members of the school's Faculty who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The principal shall be part of the local school district appeal process for non-selection or dismissal cases. (Reasons must be provided)

Article 3: The Chapter Adviser/s

Section 1. The chapter adviser/s shall be responsible for the direct, day to day supervision of the chapter and act liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.

Section 2. The chapter adviser/s shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions.

Section 3. The chapter adviser/s may regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

Section 4. The chapter adviser/s and faculty council shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Article 4: Faculty Council

Section 1. The faculty council shall consist of a minimum of three voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No principal may be included on the faculty council.

Section 2. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Member may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The chapter adviser/s may be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section 4. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

Article 5: Selection of Members

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be enrolled as a seventh or eighth grader. Only those students who have attended the equivalent of one semester may be considered for membership. There will be an end of school year induction for outgoing 6th graders.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of 90.0 or better at the required curriculum on report cards for their enrolled grade level. A cumulative grade that reaches 90.0 only by rounding.

Section 3. Any student meeting the criteria in will be considered and evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Minimum requirements in these criteria include:

- Candidates must not have more than 2 tardies on dress code violations for the previous semester.
- Candidates must not have exceeded the number of school absences as described in school policy
- Candidates must not have any ISS placement for the previous school year.
- Candidates must not have any referrals for the previous school year.

Section 4. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 5. A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication which is widely available, in a timely fashion, to all students and parents of the school. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honors Society.

Article 6: Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be President, Vice President, secretary, and two treasurers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by the faculty council. Only members in attendance may have their name on the ballot for the NJHS offices. Officers will be elected by a majority vote.

Section 3. All officers must have the necessary time to devote to making NJHS a working, useful, and productive organization.

Article 7: Activities

Section 1. Each member shall complete at least ten hours of community service per semester. Failure to do so will result in consequence.

Section 2. Each member shall participate in any event including meetings pertaining to the National Junior Honor Society unless excused with reason.

Section 3. Voluntary hours are defined as hours spent in service to others for which the member has neither been compensated monetarily, nor has been required to perform by court or other entity than NJHS.

Section 4. Each member shall participate in any event pertaining to the National Junior Honor Society unless excused with reason.

Article 8: Meetings

Section 1. The Nolan Middle chapter shall meet monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

Section 2. The officers will meet with the advisers on the first and third Wednesday of each month after school to discuss and plan for the next meeting.

Article 9: Dismissal

Section 1. The procedure of dismissal shall be determined by the Faculty Council along with and selected officers in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honors Society. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser/s and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the defiance, except that in case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws. A member does not, necessarily, have to be warned.

Section 3. The faculty council along with disciplinary committee and officers shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Article 11: Disciplinary

- Non-serious referral; hearing
- 1 serious referral
- PDA is a warning
- 4 tardies; hearing
- Failed report card; removed from NJHS
- Failed progress report; have to bring it up before next grade check with probation letter
- Bullying (bully report); removal
- Disrespectful towards staff; removed from NJHS
- Cheating; 1 warning/hearing, then expulsion
- Failure to complete hours; 1st time, adds to next semester, 2nd time, hearing for expulsion
- Failure to follow rules; up to 3 warnings
- Missed/late to meetings; 1st time, warning. 2nd time, hearing
- Must maintain GPA
- Notify adviser/s if not able to make meeting or miss meetings (MUST BE APPROVED by Adviser/s)
- If you volunteer and don't show: warning

