

Northfield Community Middle School

National Junior Honor Society

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National Junior Honor Society By-laws

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Northfield Community Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in the students of the Northfield Community Middle School.

Section 3. The NJHS shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals(NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston,VA. 20191.

ARTICLE II THE PRINCIPAL

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

Section 2. The Board of Education shall annually appoint a chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates, and the disciplining or dismissal of members.

ARTICLE III THE CHAPTER ADVISOR

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

Section 2. The chapter advisor shall maintain files on current and incoming membership, current 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 advisor shall help the chapter members understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE IV FACULTY COMMITTEE

Section 1. The faculty committee shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No principal or administrator may be included on the faculty committee. They are responsible for selection of applicants.

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

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty committee, in charge of the application paperwork.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership is bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a majority vote of the faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship. A rubric is used and a minimum of 97 points out of 114 (85%) is required for admittance to NJHS.

Section 2. The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NJHS advisors, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Honor Society.

Section 3. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 4. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new school advisor 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 5. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE VI SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a second semester seventh grader.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of 95.001% or above from 5th grade on. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship, after initial eligibility to apply is determined.

Section 3. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be determined by the faculty committee, if the applicant attains 85% or more of points on the aforementioned rubric.

Section 4. 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. This information will also be available on our NJHS webpage. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 5. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

ARTICLE VII DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL

Section 1. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned (in writing) by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. The chapter advisor may suspend certain chapter privileges. The advisor may also suggest that the student receive special counseling to reeducate the student to more appropriate behavior. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not, necessarily, have to be warned.

Section 2. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 3. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to written notification of charges and a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 4. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 5. The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. There will be no officers for this chapter. Members are awarded points for participation in each event, and all are equal.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. The chapter shall complete at least one school based activity or meeting per month.

Section 2. These activities may include, but are not limited to: meetings, ambassadors for Back To School Night, Special Persons Day, graduation and NIT workers.

Section 3. Chapters shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order in all points not expressly provided for in these by-laws.

ARTICLE XII ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall be involved in one or more service projects during the school year.

Section 2. Each member shall be involved in an individual outside service project as approved by the chapter advisor.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1. If it is found that the by-laws need to be revised, a by-laws revision committee will be appointed by the executive committee. Proposed changes will first be reviewed by the faculty committee. Proposed amendments or revisions require a three-fifths vote by the committee for adoption.

NOTE: Sections dealing with revisions to the procedures for selection, disciplining, and dismissal of members can be changed only by the faculty committee, though input from the chapter is allowed and encouraged.