

## Constitution of the National Honor Society

Introduction: The following version of the NHS Constitution was approved

## ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the National Honor Society of James Bowie High School.

Section 2. 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 James Bowie High School.

## ARTICLE II: The National Council

Section 1. The control of this organization shall be vested in the NASSP Board of Directors

Section 2.

own chapter except in cases where a school's size precludes the formation of a full Faculty Council. In such cases, a chapter can be shared as long as all other constitutional requirements can be met. A middle level unit in the same building with a high school unit will be appropriate cause for two separate chapters (one for the National Junior Honor Society and one for the National Honor Society ). [See page 28 of the 2005 NHS Handbook for clarification of this last provision of Section 1.]

Section 2. Each chapter shall pay a chartering fee determined by the NASSP Board of Directors.

Section 3. Each school with a chapter shall pay an annual affiliation fee approved by the NASSP Board of Directors.

Section 4. The annual individual member dues paid to a chapter or state affiliate, if any, shall not exceed twenty dollars inclusively. The exceed twenty dollars inclusively. The executive committee of the chapter and shall be subject to the approval of the chapter membership.

Section 5. Duly chartered local chapters shall conform to this Constitution as set forth by the NASSP Board of Directors. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the charter.

#### ARTICLE V: 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 member of the faculty as chapter adviser, who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The principal shall annually appoint a Faculty Council composed of five members of the school's faculty who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 4. The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates, and the disciplining or dismissal of members.

#### ARTICLE VI: The Chapter Adviser

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

selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Membership shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate, Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials principals, teachers, NHS advisers, adults, students with disabilities, or foreign exchange students in recognition of achievement and/or outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with purposes of the National Honor Society. Honorary members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. 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 6. An NHS member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the other school's sponsor or chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter.

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 selection to this chapter must be members of the sophomore class.
- b) To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, candidates must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at James Bowie High School.
- c) Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 10.00(15 scale). This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission for candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to and above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership.
- d) Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

Section 4. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. Prior to notification of any candidates, the chapter adviser shall review with the principal the results of the Faculty Council's deliberations.

Section 5. A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication that is widely available in a timely fashion to all students and parents of the school. The selection procedure shall be

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards that 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 or the law, a member does not have to be warned. Time will be judge on a case by case basis.

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings. Number of warnings will be judged on a case by case basis.

Section 4. In all cases of pending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the Faculty Council (*Note : This hearing is required and is considered "due process" for all members - Ed.*)

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

Section 6. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to the principal and thereafter under the asme rules for disciplinary appeale ( ) 0.4 4 0 0 kreaci0.4 (r) 0.2.



Section 1. This organization shall have official emblem. The emblem shall be uniform and its distribution and rules for its use shall be determined by the NASSP Board of Directors.

Section 2. Each active, Graduate, or honorary 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.



