

National Honor Society Bylaws

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Antioch Community High School National Honor Society.

Section 2. The object of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Antioch Community High School.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. The graduate members have no vote.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be based on Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 3. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Antioch Community High School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the sophomore or junior class. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative scholarship average (GPA) of 3.5 or better. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE III

Selection of Members

Section 1. The final selection of members to this chapter shall be by a Faculty Council consisting of five (5) teachers appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser(s) shall be an ex-officio member(s) of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

1. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
2. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete the Student Activity Information Form, submit an essay, and sign the maintenance of standards agreement (Candidate Contract).
3. Students who do not turn in the Student Activity Information Form, submit an essay, or sign the maintenance of standards agreement (Candidate Contract) will not be considered for selection.
4. The faculty shall rate the candidates determined to be eligible on character and leadership.
5. The Student Activity Information Form, the student's essay, and the faculty ratings shall be reviewed.

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter signed by the principal indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this chapter shall become a member of ACHS/NHS. The transfer member must attain, within one semester, the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE IV
Dismissal

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Antioch Community High School National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain an active role in service and leadership to this school and community. Students selected for membership in the National Honor Society are expected to maintain an active role in ACHS/NHS.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when selected (3.5), he/she will be given written warning. This will be determined by his/her cumulative grade point average at the end of each semester as recorded by ACHS Student Accounting. If the cumulative grade point average then remains below 3.5 for the next semester, the student may be dismissed from the National Honor Society. Special consideration will be given to people with situations beyond their control.

Section 3. Violation of criminal law or school regulations can result in dismissal of the student. These include but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school related activities.

Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code, as recorded in school records, will receive a written warning. A conference may be requested by either party. If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be dismissed.

Section 5. The procedure to dismiss a member from the National Honor Society shall follow any procedures regarding student participation in school activities that may be adopted by the Board of Education. If a situation arises that a member may be facing dismissal, the following procedures will apply:

1. The member and his parent(s) or guardian(s) will receive written notification of reason for possible dismissal from the National Honor Society. The adviser(s) and member will discuss the written notification in a conference.
2. The member will be requested to have an informal hearing with the Faculty Council and the National Honor Society adviser(s). The member will have an opportunity to give his/her side of what happened.
3. After the hearing the National Honor Society adviser(s) will meet with the Faculty Council. If the Faculty Council decides that the dismissal is warranted, the member will be immediately suspended from chapter activities. The adviser(s) will write a letter to the member and to his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) that such action has been taken. A copy of this letter will be placed in the student's cumulative record file. The member must surrender any membership cards, emblems, or pins to the adviser(s).
4. The member may appeal the Faculty Council's decision to the principal.
5. When a student is dismissed, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership.

ARTICLE V
Officers

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, a service secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. Candidates for office shall be nominated from members of the junior class who have been an active member in NHS for one year. Self nomination is allowed. Candidates shall address the membership. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot at the last meeting each year. Winners shall hold office during their senior year.

Section 3. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If in the first election a candidate does not receive a majority, a run off election shall be conducted between the two candidates who have received the highest number of votes.

Section 4 It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter and to be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 5. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall chair the standing committee for service projects.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file.

Section 7. The service secretary shall keep a record of members contributions to leadership and service.

Section 8. The treasurer shall be in charge of the funds and the bookkeeping for the funds and shall serve as an ex-officio member of the fund raising standing committee.

Section 9. Any officer may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the current members.

Section 10. In the event of a vacancy in any of the offices, an election shall be conducted at the next meeting of the chapter in the manner of the original election.

ARTICLE VI
Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty adviser(s) and the officers of the chapter.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter.

Section 3. A member of the Faculty Council shall act as chairman of the executive committee.

ARTICLE VII
Activities

Section 1. The activities are selected by the chapter and shall be subject to the approval of the adviser(s) and the principal. Members are expected to participate in the activities of the chapter. Minimum standards for participation shall be established by the executive committee and the adviser(s) at the beginning of the new term of office and become effective for the following year.

ARTICLE VIII
Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be called by the executive committee. Members are required to attend regularly scheduled meetings and induction. The adviser(s) shall excuse members who have legitimate conflicts.

Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX
Emblem

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

ARTICLE X

Dues

Section 1. No dues shall be required of active members unless a sum is assessed by majority vote of the chapter.

Section 2. No yearly dues will exceed the amount of five dollars.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the Faculty Council and by the National Secretary of the National Honor Society and notice to members has been given at least one month previous to the meeting which it is voted upon.

ARTICLE XII

Standing Committees

Section 1. ACHS/NHS will have a standing committee for service projects. The chairperson of this committee shall be the vice president. The members of this subcommittee may elect a co-chairperson.

Section 2. ACHS/NHS will have a standing committee for fund raising. The members of this committee will elect a chairperson. The treasurer shall be an ex-officio member.

Section 3. These standing committees shall have the power to call meetings to conduct the business of the standing committee.

ARTICLE XIII

Subcommittees

Section 1. ACHS/NHS will have the right to set up additional subcommittees as deemed necessary.

Section 2. These subcommittees must be approved by the Faculty Council.

Section 3. These subcommittees have the power to elect their own chairperson.

Section 4. These subcommittees have the right to call meetings as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the subcommittee.