

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

JIM NED HIGH SCHOOL

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the National Honor Society (NHS) of Jim Ned 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 students of Jim Ned High School.

ARTICLE II: LOCAL CHAPTER

Section 1. Jim Ned High School received its local chapter charter in 1983.

Section 2. The Jim Ned High School chapter of NHS shall pay an annual affiliation fee approved by the NASSP Board of Directors.

Section 3. Annual individual member dues, if any, shall not exceed twenty dollars. The exact amount shall be determined by the executive committee of the chapter and shall be subject to the approval of the chapter membership.

Section 4. The local chapter consists of the student members, the adviser, the Faculty Council, and the principal.

Section 5. The Jim Ned High School chapter of NHS shall conform to the national Constitution.

ARTICLE III: 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 (sponsor), who may serve consecutive terms. A co-adviser may be appointed, as deemed appropriate by the principal.

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 IV: THE CHAPTER ADVISER (SPONSOR)

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

Section 2. The chapter adviser shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter adviser shall send the annual report to the national office.

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

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

Section 5. The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council.

Section 6. The chapter adviser shall be a member of the faculty, appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V: FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1. The Faculty Council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council.

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

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall meet at least once a year to review the procedures of the chapter, select members, and to consider non-selection, dismissal, other disciplinary actions, and warning cases.

Section 4. The Faculty Council will develop and revise, when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, discipline, and dismissal of members, all of which must remain in compliance with the national Constitution and NHS policies.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 3. 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 4. An NHS member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the principal or chapter adviser to the new school adviser 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 VII: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of those classes (sophomore, junior) designated as eligible in the chapter bylaws. (Freshmen [*ninth graders*] are not eligible.) Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.

Section 2. Resignation or dismissal from National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) has no bearing on future consideration for membership in NHS in high school. (ref. amendment to NJHS Constitution, Article VIII, Section 5)

Section 3. The minimum standard for scholarship at Jim Ned High School shall be a cumulative GPA (grade point average) of at least 92.5 percent. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of 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.

ARTICLE VIII: CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and 2 Student Council Representatives.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the beginning of each school year. All members in good standing can submit the "Officer Candidate Evaluation" form by a designated date to the chapter adviser. The chapter adviser will then compile a ballot of these candidates and all members shall vote for the chapter officers.

Section 3. The President will help preside over meetings, be chairman of any service projects, and help the society in any way as deemed appropriate by the adviser.

Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall help keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 5. The secretary shall keep record of any paperwork deemed necessary by the adviser.

Section 6. The treasurer will keep record of business expenses, dues, and other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 7. The Student Council Representatives will attend designated Student Council meetings and events.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section 1. The Jim Ned National Honor Society will have one regular meeting each semester.

Section 2. The chapter president or chapter adviser may call additional meetings as needed.

Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

ARTICLE X: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Each chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members shall *regularly* participate in these projects if they have a recurring schedule. Any projects that occur only once require the participation of all members.

Section 3. These projects shall have the following characteristics: Fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for participating in 10 hours of community service. This is in addition to the chapter a project to which all members contribute.

Section 5. Each member shall serve a minimum of one leadership position in a school, church, or community organization.

Section 6. Each member shall maintain a 92.5 cumulative grade point average.

ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship (92.5), leadership, character, or service may be considered for dismissal from the Jim Ned chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Violations of the law or school conduct codes can result in immediate consideration of dismissal. These violations 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 or in the community.

Section 3. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge(s) against him/her.

Section 4. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the Faculty Council is required.

Section 5. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents.

Section 6. A member, who is dismissed or resigns, may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.