

National Honor Society By-Laws

*Springdale Junior - Senior High School
Adopted: (August 15, 2021)*

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Springdale High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of the Secondary Schools.

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 Springdale Junior / Senior High School.

ARTICLE II 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 advisor, 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 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 a liaison between faculty, administration, students and the community.

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

Section 3: The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for the compliance of the rules.

Section 4: The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section 5: The chapter advisor shall be a member of the faculty appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.

ARTICLE IV

FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1: The faculty council shall consist of five voting members appointed annually by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council. No principal or assistant principal may be included on 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.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership is open to any sophomore, junior or senior in their Spring Semester who meets the annually published criteria for scholarship, character, leadership and service. A faculty council will select the members based on the above criteria. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

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

Section 3: A National Honor Society member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter sponsor to the new school's chapter sponsor shall be accepted automatically as a member. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 4: Members who resign or are dismissed are never eligible for membership or its benefits.

Section 5: Membership shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. The honorary and graduate do not have a vote.

ARTICLE VI

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1: To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the upcoming sophomore, junior or senior class.

Section 2: Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic G.P.A. of at least 90%. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership and character.

Section 3: The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Members must maintain at least a 90% G.P.A.

Section 2: Members must do at least one service project with NHS by the end of the school year. **In order to qualify as a service learning project, a member MUST be involved in NHS activities through participation, public relations and/or organization. Any activity outside of NHS MUST be pre-approved prior to the activity by the advisor(s).**

Section 3: Members must have 20 community service hours by the end of the school year. Community service hours include activities outside of the NHS. **All proper documentation must be given to the NHS advisor(s).**

Section 4: Members are required to attend all NHS meetings. Members are allowed 2 missed meetings per year without penalty.

Section 8: NHS members who have been in good standing at the previous high school, may become a member with a letter of recommendation from the previous principal or sponsor.

ARTICLE VIII

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. The member may be given a reasonable amount of time to correct their wrongdoings. An exception is in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules and civil laws. In this case, 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 4: A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision to the principal.

I have read the above Springdale Junior / Senior High School National Honor Society by-laws and understand the contents. I know that I could be removed from the National Honor Society if I do not follow the above by-laws.

Member / Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date