

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Trimble High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

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

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 (out of 4.0; unweighted grade point average). 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 can 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 majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete the Trimble High School NHS application for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty may be requested to comment on candidates determined to be scholastically eligible.
- d. The Student Activity Information Form (and faculty comments if utilized) shall be reviewed by the Faculty Council.

Section 3. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the fall semester of the school year.

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

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member will attain within one semester and then maintain 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 Trimble High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (3.40), he/she will be given written warning and will be given until the end of the subsequent grading period to achieve the standard cumulative grade point average in effect (3.40). If the cumulative grade point average remains below 3.40 at the end of the subsequent grading period, the student may be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3. Violation of criminal law or school regulations can result in dismissal of the student. These violations include, but are not limited to: DUI, 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. Any member whose personal conduct is questionable in accordance with the accepted norms of student behavior may be dismissed by the Faculty Council.

Section 5. In the case of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser/Faculty Council. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference.
- b. The member will be offered a hearing with the Faculty Council prior to dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss.
- c. A letter of dismissal will be sent to the principal, student and parents if the student is dismissed. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. The member may appeal the Faculty Council's decision to the Principal.
- e. When a student is dismissed, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

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

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the first meeting of each school year from chapter members of the senior class. They shall hold office during their senior year.

Section 3. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter.

Section 5. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of member's contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, etc.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VII

ACTIVITIES

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

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

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, and be well-planned, organized and executed.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be held on an "as needed" basis, in order to conduct the business of the chapter.

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. There shall be no annual dues for this chapter.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles III and IV which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Section 2. By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.