



# **Boiling Springs High School**

## **Chapter of the National Honor Society**

### **Constitution**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Boiling Springs High Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.

Section 2. The purpose 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 Boiling Springs High School.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon outstanding Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 2. Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate; the graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.

Section 3. Candidates shall have spent at least one semester in Boiling Springs High School and shall be members of the senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a cumulative GPA of at least a 4.4 on a weighted 5.0 scale. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be for this chapter the required scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy for membership in this chapter. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard shall be admitted to candidacy for election to membership. Membership decisions will be made by a five member Faculty Council following a review of the candidates' qualifications in the area of service, leadership, and character.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Election of Members**

Section 1. The election of members to this chapter of the National Honor Society shall be by a Faculty Council consisting of five voting members of the faculty (not including the chapter adviser). Principals and assistant principals may not serve on the faculty council.

Section 2. Any member who falls below standard, which is the basis for 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 civil laws a member does not have to be warned. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the faculty council is required. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 3. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his membership and signed by the principal.

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted in this chapter with proof of membership from his former chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his membership.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Officers**

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

Section 2. A majority of votes shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter and make all committee appointments.

Section 4. The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his absence.

Section 5. The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. He shall, with the approval of the principal or advisor, certify to the national secretary of the National Council the names of all members for the current school year on the annual report submitted to National Headquarters.

Section 6. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

## **ARTICLE V**

### Chapter Executive Committee

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

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

Section 3. All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by the Boiling Springs High School Bookkeeper.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Supervision

Section 1. The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held at regular intervals during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal.

Section 2. The officers of the chapter for the following year shall be elected each September.

Section 3. Special meetings, approved by the executive committee, may be called by the president.

Section 4. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the principal or some member of the faculty selected by him.

Section 5. This chapter shall conduct its meetings in an orderly and democratic manner and in accordance to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

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

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

Section 3. Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to him as a gift, a personal purchase, an award, or from whatever source, the title to the emblem shall rest with the chapter of which he is a member; and, therefore, the emblem can, on motion of the council, be commandeered. Furthermore, each member agrees that his acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the emblem.

Section 4. All insignia must be procured from the national secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191

## ARTICLE IX

### Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the executive committee of the chapter and that notice to members has been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

### **By-Laws**

#### **Article 1**

##### Dismissal and Probation

Section A. Every member of this chapter is expected to uphold the high standards for which he was inducted into the Society. Any member who fails to maintain the standards will be subject to dismissal. A member placed on probation for a semester thereby relinquishes his right to vote at called meetings. At the end of the semester, the member's status will be reviewed by the faculty advisers. If the member has displayed significant improvement, his active member status will be returned. If not, he will be dismissed.

Section B. If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (at least a 4.4 on a weighted 5.0 scale), he/she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If, after the warning period, the GPA is still below standard, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council.

Section C. Any member who is involved in violations of the law or school regulations can be immediately considered for dismissal. These violations include, but are not limited to stealing, cheating, lying, destruction of property, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school related activities or in the community.

Section D. Members violating the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section E. In all cases pending dismissal:

A. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/Faculty Council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.

B. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to any vote on dismissal. The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member.

C. The results of the Faculty Council vote must be presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.

D. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policy.

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

Section F. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanction upon a member as deemed appropriate.

## **ARTICLE II**

### Attendance

Section A. Regular attendance at the prescribed meetings is expected of all members in this chapter.

## **ARTICLE III**

### Service

Section A. Members are expected to participate in an annual service project to be chosen by the executive committee with the approval of the principal. The annual project will fulfill a need within our school or community and will be completed during the school year. The annual service project is in addition to other service hours performed by the student.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### Dues

Section A. To insure the financial stability of this chapter and thereby produce a more effective organization, the Society will collect, from each member, dues totaling \$25 per year. The dues will be payable to the faculty adviser within ten days of induction notice. Failure to pay dues will be interpreted the same as declining the membership invitation.