

# **By-laws of the Woodland High School Science National Honor Society**

## **Article I Name and Purpose**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Woodland High School Chapter of the Science National Honor Society.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought, to advance the student's knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science, and to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.

## **Article II Affiliation and Co-ordination**

This Chapter of the Science National Honor Society is an integral part of the central organization of the Science National Honor Society for Secondary Schools, and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the National Constitution of the central organization. Its motto, colors, and official insignia shall be those of the National Organization.

## **Article III Membership**

**Section 1.** Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student.

**Section 2.** A member must be in the last two years of secondary school education.

**Section 3.** A member must have and maintain a 3.5 or higher weighted grade point average.

**Section 4.** A member must be enrolled in at least one honors or upper level science class during or prior to the eleventh grade year. A member must be enrolled in at least one second year honors or upper level science class during the twelfth grade year. If second year honors courses are not offered by the school, then the student must be enrolled in a second first year honors or upper level science class during the twelfth grade year.

**Section 5.** Classes eligible for consideration are: Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Physics, Advanced Placement Biology, Advanced Placement Chemistry, Advanced Placement Physics, Advanced Placement Environmental Science, Advanced Placement Psychology, and Human Anatomy and Physiology.

**Section 6.** A member must maintain a B+ overall average (or equivalent) across all science courses. At Woodland High School, a B+ average shall be defined as an 86 or higher.

**Section 7.** A member must maintain behavior that is acceptable to the guidelines of Woodland High School and the Henry County Board of Education.

**Section 8.** All members must attend one local chapter officer's lecture annually.

**Section 9.** Regular members may give a lecture with the chapter advisor's approval.

**Section 10.** Non-refundable, yearly dues of \$5.00 shall be paid at the time membership is accepted.

**Section 11.** Every student inducted as a Full Member into the Science National Honor Society has met the following qualifications:

- Each member is classified as either a junior or senior at Woodland High School.
- Each member must have and maintain a 3.5 weighted grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Each member must have and maintain an overall average grade of at least 86 across all science courses in grades 9 through 12.
- Each member must not have been suspended from school nor have attended alternative school in grades 9 through 12.
- You must take a science in each grade 9 through 12.
- As a **junior**- you have completed one upper level science course and you are currently enrolled in another or you have completed two or more upper level science courses and may be currently enrolled in another one.
- As a **senior**- you have completed two or more upper level science courses and may be currently enrolled in another one.

**Section 12.** Every student inducted as a Provisional Member into the Science National Honor Society has met and maintained all of the above qualifications in Section 11 except for the completion of the second honors or upper level science course. During the second semester, senior provisional members who continue on tract to completing the second course, will be promoted to Full Membership status, with their date of membership dating to the fall induction date. Juniors who remain on tract will receive Full Membership the fall of their senior year dated back to the date of original induction. Provisional status allows eligible students to participate in the Science National Honor Society while they complete the requirements of Full Membership in the chapter.

- As a junior—each member is currently enrolled in their first honors or upper level science course, or has completed one and is currently enrolled in their second one, and will be taking an additional honors or upper level science course their senior year.
- As a senior—each member has completed one honors or upper level science course and is currently enrolled in their second one.

**This section is no longer enforced—no provisional memberships are awarded.**

#### **Article IV Dismissal**

**Section 1.** A student may be dismissed if he/she violates the standards, obligations, or ideals of the Science National Honor Society. This includes violation of grade or behavioral requirements as outlined in Article III, Sections 1 through 12.

**Section 2.** Dismissal is approved and carried out by the chapter advisor.

**Section 3.** Upon dismissal, the student is divested of all benefits of membership.

**Section 4.** A student may appeal dismissal by submitting a written request to the chapter advisor, and the principal of Woodland High School.

## **Article V Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of this chapter of the Science National Honors Society shall be: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Historian and Public Relations Chairperson.

**Section 2.** The duties of the President shall be: to preside at the meetings; to prepare agendas for the officers meetings; to collaborate with the other officers to prepare the agendas for all general SNHS meetings; to appoint the committees of the chapter; to represent this organization when necessary; and to administer the policies as laid down in the constitution and by-laws.

**Section 3.** The duties of the Vice President(s) shall be: to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office; to be in charge of all service activities; to collaborate with other officers to prepare the agendas for all general SNHS meetings; to arrange guest speakers for the general meetings; and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter—serving on such committees as designated. At least one Vice President must be present at all service activities.

**Section 4.** The duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep the records of membership; to record the minutes of the meetings; to collaborate with the other officers to prepare the agendas for all general SNHS meetings; to type the agenda for the regular meetings; to carry on the necessary club correspondence.

**Section 5.** The duties of the Historian shall be: to assist in the keeping of the historical record of the chapter; to collaborate with the other officers to prepare the agendas for all general SNHS meetings; to coordinate a scrapbook.

**Section 6.** The duties of the Public Relations chairperson shall be: to contact the local newspapers, radio stations and television stations with news about our chapter; to assist the Historian; to collaborate with the other officers to prepare the agendas for all general SNHS meetings.

**Section 7.** The officers shall abide by the National Organization's Constitution, this chapter's by-laws, the SNHS standards, obligations and ideals.

**Section 8.** A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect any chapter officer.

**Section 9.** The chapter sponsor shall serve as treasurer for the chapter.

## **Article VI Meetings**

**Section 1.** The SNHS shall have regular monthly meetings during the school year on days designated by the officers and sponsor in accordance with school policy and regulations.

**Section 2.** The president, or chapter advisor may call emergency meetings.

## **Article VII Chapter Activities**

**Section 1.** Our chapter shall determine one or more community service projects per year.

**Section 2.** All members shall participate in a predetermined number of the chapter's projects per year. The officers and chapter advisor will determine this number.

**Section 3.** The purpose of the projects shall be to encourage scientific and intellectual thought, to further the knowledge of science in school and community, and to volunteer to the surrounding community.

**Section 4.** Our chapter shall host a local science Olympiad or science fair at the elementary school level and assist in tutoring the science competition team.

## **Article VIII Changes to the By-laws**

**Section 1.** Changes to the By-laws may be proposed by a chapter member, the chapter advisor or the principal of the school.

**Section 2.** A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to accept any changes to the by-laws.