



Bylaws of the South Forsyth High School Chapter of the Science National Honor Society

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the South Forsyth 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 students' 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 POWER AND AUTHORITY

Section 1. The right to approve all of the actions and decisions of the Chapter shall be reserved to the school administration. The school principal, assistant principals, and/or science department chair shall have the right to veto or revoke an action of the Science National Honor Society or to revoke any of the powers held to it.

ARTICLE III THE CHAPTER ADVISOR

Section 1. The Chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, daily supervision of the chapter, and act as a liaison between the faculty, administration, students, and community.

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

Section 3. The Chapter advisor shall frequently review each member for compliance with the SNHS standards, obligations, and ideals.

Section 4. The Chapter advisor has the right to approve, veto or revoke any decision made by the Chapter members and officers. The Chapter advisor may consult an administrator or science department chair for advice and input on important chapter decisions.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The member must be in his/her last two years of high school.

Section 2. The member must have and maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Section 3. The member must be enrolled in at least one honors, IB, or AP science course during the eleventh grade year. The member must be enrolled in at least one IB or AP science class during or prior to the twelfth grade year. The Scientific Research III class is considered an advanced level class.

Section 4. Junior members must have completed three science courses or be currently enrolled in the third science course. Senior members must have completed four science courses or be currently enrolled in the fourth science course.

Section 5. The member must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher across all science courses taken for high school credit. Special consideration may be given to students that take multiple higher level science courses in one semester.

Section 6. The member must pass all courses each semester. Any student who does not pass all courses each semester will be dismissed.

Section 7. The member must also be a member in good standing of the Science Olympiad Team, the Robotics Team, the Technology Student Association, Physics Club, USABO, MD Jr., HOSA, STEP, HEAL, or has competed in the Georgia State Science and Engineering Fair at the local, district or state level during their junior or senior year.

Section 8. The member must maintain behavior that is acceptable to the guidelines of South Forsyth High School.

Section 9. The member must attend 75% of chapter meetings, field trips, events, and activities.

Section 10. All members must attend at least one Chapter officer's lecture annually. Regular members also hold the right to give lectures regarding a scientific topic approved by the Chapter advisor.

Section 11. All members must complete six hours of service to the scientific community per year. Service hours must be logged on the appropriate form and a signature is needed for verification.

Section 12. Each member is required to pay a minimal annual due of \$5.00 not to exceed \$20.00. Additional expenses may be required for field trips, transportation or other things deemed necessary by the Chapter advisor and administration.

Section 13. Failure to uphold and maintain membership requirements may result in probation or dismissal from the chapter.

ARTICLE V SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Candidates will be accepted upon their compliance with the policies outlined in Article IV, Sections 1-12 at the completion of each semester.

Section 2. Candidates are also required to exhibit good character and possess motivation to persevere academically. Good character involves complying with the rules and regulations set by the school administrators.

Section 3. Candidates should be able to stay before and after school for meetings and other activities. Candidates should be able to participate in field trips including those taken during school and on weekends.

Section 4. Candidates must complete the South Forsyth High School Chapter of the National Honor Society application form and survey.

Section 5. Transfer students will be considered for acceptance upon their completion of one semester at South Forsyth High School.

ARTICLE VI DISMISSAL AND PROBATION

Section 1. A student may be put on probation if he/she fails to attend the required percentage of meetings, or violates the standards, obligations, or ideals of the Science National Honor Society. This includes violation of grade or behavioral requirements as outlined in Article IV, Sections 1-12.

Section 2. Any student on probation shall not have the right to vote at Chapter meetings.

Section 3. The length of the probationary period shall be one semester. Membership status will be evaluated at the end of the semester in which the student was placed on probation.

Section 4. A student who does not fulfill the membership requirements during the probationary period will be dismissed from the Chapter.

Section 5. Any student who is suspended from school or receives an honor code violation will be dismissed from the Chapter.

Section 6. Any member may be removed from their office for the failure to attend meetings, failure to represent the Society properly and fairly, failure to carry out their assigned duties, or for any other actions which are detrimental to the welfare of the majority of the members they represent with the approval of the Chapter advisor(s).

Section 7. The right to issue dismissal from the South Forsyth High School Chapter of the Science National Honor Society is reserved to the Chapter advisor, school administrators, and the science faculty members.

Section 8. The student does hold the right to appeal the decision through the means of a written request to the principal.

ARTICLE VII CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be one President, one Vice-President, one Secretary, and one Treasurer.

Section 2. The term of office for the Chapter officers shall be one school year, with the privilege to run for office again the following year.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected upon agreement of the majority, through means of anonymous vote.

Section 4. All Chapter officers are obligated to the duty of presenting two brief scientific lectures annually. The lecture shall be ten to fifteen minutes in length and may be given during a regular Chapter meeting or in a special ceremony.

Section 5. The Chapter officers shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter as overseen by the Chapter advisor. The officers shall meet regularly, make recommendations to the Chapter, and perform all duties named in the bylaws.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside over meetings, and delegate the activities of the Chapter. The President will also rule on all Society actions he or she deems necessary, vote on any matter in which the Society is equally divided, meet with the administration, delegate necessary tasks to officers and members, and appoint committees as needed. The President shall act as chairperson of the executive committee. The office of president shall be held by a senior.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to organize presenters and speakers for each monthly meeting. The Vice-President will assist the President in the organization of fundraisers, community service projects, and school activities.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an organized record of the information and attendance of each member, prepare the agenda for the meetings, present minutes from previous meetings, and be responsible for keeping the Science National Honor Society bulletin board current. The Secretary shall be responsible for notifying the members of the meetings and the activities.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of each member and keep an organized record of the money the Chapter attains from fundraisers and other events by working

with the advisor(s) and the bookkeeper in maintaining records of receipts and expenditures, and make a financial report at every regular business meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. There will be at least one Chapter meeting a month. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the officers and advisor(s). Advanced notice will be given for all meetings.

Section 2. The Chapter officers shall meet at least once a month from the beginning of the school year to discuss the activities, lectures, and meeting dates for the chapter.

Section 3. The meetings must include ten to fifteen minute lectures regarding a certain field of science approved by the Chapter advisor. The lectures can be given by Chapter officers, regular members, teachers, or guest speakers.

Section 4. All members are required to attend 75% of the meetings conducted in the school year in order to receive recognition as being members of the Science National Honor Society.

Section 5. The President may call emergency meetings, if approved by the officers.

ARTICLE IX CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The South Forsyth High School Chapter must have at least one major project annually. The purpose of the project(s) shall be to encourage scientific and intellectual thought, to further the knowledge of science in the school and community, and to volunteer in the surrounding community.

Section 2. All members are required to participate in at least one of the annual projects.

Section 3. The Chapter shall bring speakers from the scientific community into the school.

Section 4. The Chapter shall assist with a science fair contest in accordance with the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair Rules and Regulations.

Section 5. The Chapter shall engage in field trips to science affiliated centers that are approved by the Chapter advisor.

ARTICLE X OFFICIAL INSIGNIA AND MOTTO

Section 1. The Chapter will utilize the official emblem of the Science National Honor Society.

Section 2. Each active, graduate, or honorary member shall be entitled to wear this emblem.

Section 3. The motto of the Science National Honor Society is a quote from Virgil, *“Fortunate is one who understands the causes of things”*.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. In order to ensure the equity and reasonability of the bylaws, any amendment that is agreed upon by the Chapter advisor and two-thirds of the members shall be implemented, and take effect immediately, or whenever deemed appropriate by the Chapter advisor and the members.

Section 2. These bylaws must be agreed upon by at least two-thirds of the members in order for them to be in effect. In addition, the members shall be notified with a copy of the bylaws at least one month prior to the voting of its ratification.

Section 3. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any officer, faculty, or administration and ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Chapter and its advisor(s).

Section 4. Proposed amendments must be read to the Chapter at a regularly-scheduled meeting and be voted on by the members at the next scheduled meeting.

Section 5. Any member on probation will not be permitted to vote on the bylaw amendments.