

CONSTITUTION
AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER
OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS

ARTICLE I
Name and Mission

Section 1.

The name of the chapter shall be the Auburn High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 2.

The purpose of this chapter shall be to instill a desire for Scholarship, to foster a willingness to render Service to school and community, and to encourage the development of Leadership and Character in students of Auburn High School.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1.

Membership in this chapter is based upon Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 2.

All candidates must have attended Auburn High School for at least one half of a year and must be at least a sophomore at Auburn High School. In the case of a transfer student who has been inducted into a National Honor Society Chapter at a high school other than Auburn High, such student's membership is subject to review by the NHS advisors and/or the Faculty Council.

Section 3.

Probation can occur for any member who does not comply with the bylaws. Unless otherwise stated, all members shall be renewed into the Society the following year.

Section 4.

During the spring of each school year, formal notification will be posted to announce all students eligible for membership.

Section 5.

Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a numerical grade average of 90 percent or its GPA equivalent. Candidates with this grade average will be formally notified by posting of their eligibility (Article II, Section 4). Students are responsible to attend an eligibility meeting to obtain their NHS Student Application Packet. The forms contained therein, including an essay, must be completed

and returned to one of the advisors by the deadline and will later be reviewed by the Faculty Council during the selection process. Academic record is only one factor in determining a student's eligibility. Faculty members' comments on the Service, Leadership, and Character of each student will be carefully reviewed by the Council. Any student with an administrative discipline record may not be considered eligible for candidacy. Administrative discipline records could bar students from initial eligibility. Such occurrences will be reviewed by both the Faculty Council and the Principal.

Section 6.

It is the responsibility of each member to maintain the required Scholarship set forth in Article II, Section 5 (a numerical grade average of 90 percent or its GPA equivalent); to Serve the community by completing a mandatory number of 25 community service hours and participate in at least one community service project set forth in the fall of each school year; and to continue to exhibit quality Leadership and Character in their conduct at Auburn High School.

ARTICLE III Probationary Status

Section 1.

Any member who does not remain in good standing in Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character shall be placed on probation. A written warning shall be mailed to the student's home and will contain conditions which must be met if the member is to be fully reinstated. Failure to meet the required conditions specified in the written warning shall be grounds for dismissal.

Section 2.

Probationary status may result from a student not meeting the following chapter requirements for Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character: students whose numerical grade average falls below the 90 percent or its GPA equivalent; students who do not complete 25 mandatory community service hours and/or project set forth by the AHS Chapter each school year; students who are habitually tardy to or absent from class or school; students who demonstrate disciplinary problems within classes; students who plagiarize; and students with administrative discipline records. Suspension from school immediately results in suspension from all NHS activities until a decision is made at a hearing before the Faculty Council. Probationary status may also result if a member is habitually absent from NHS meetings, see Article VIII, Section IV.

ARTICLE IV Faculty Advisors

Section 1.

It shall be the duty of the faculty advisors to the NHS to distribute and process the student's activity NHS Application Packet information form for those students meeting eligibility.

Section 2.

It shall be the duty of the advisors to aid, through the society's officers, the society.

Section 3.

One of the advisors shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Faculty Council.

Section 4.

It shall be the duty of the advisors to place a member on probation if that member's Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and/or Character fail to meet the requirements for membership (see Article III).

Section 5.

The advisors shall inform members of possible probationary action due to failure to perform responsibilities inherent in being a National Honor Society member.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1.

The officers of this chapter shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. Only those who have not been on probation shall be eligible to run for an office. In the case of an officer being placed on probation, reinstatement of both membership and office shall be subject to Faculty Council and/or officer review. Detailed job descriptions for each position are available on request from a chapter advisor.

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings and to confer with the advisors on any problems that concern the chapter or the school as a whole. The president shall also be the representative of the chapter, whenever a representative is needed.

Section 4.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President and to preside in his/her absence. The Vice-President will establish and oversee subcommittee set-up for service and fundraising projects.

Section 5.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, and keep a record of all business on file. The Secretary with the assistance of the other officers will keep track of attendance at meetings and projects and notify the President and advisors of those members who have excessive absences. It shall also be the duty of the secretary with the assistance of the other officers to maintain records of service projects performed by each member.

Section 6.

The Treasurer, under the discretion of the faculty advisors, can receive and disburse funds.

Section 7.

The Historian will be in charge of collecting photos, creating the slideshow for induction, and assisting the president with the social media account .

Section 7.

The officers may recommend a student to an advisor for probation or possible dismissal if that student has shown conduct that is not appropriate for an Auburn High School National Honor Society member.

ARTICLE VI
Faculty Council

Section 1.

The faculty council consists of members who are selected annually by the principal and/or the advisors.

Section 2.

The faculty council is responsible for the selection of new members according to the NHS selection procedure.

Section 3.

The faculty council is responsible for dismissal of members who fail to maintain the standards of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character

ARTICLE VII
Responsibilities to Administration and Staff

Section 1.

The activities of the NHS shall be subject to the approval of the principal(s).

Section 2.

Any member of the faculty may at any time appear before the chapter and make suggestions to the chapter.

ARTICLE VIII
Meetings

Section 1.

Regular meetings shall be held as often as necessary. A schedule of meetings or announcements of meetings will inform all members of the time and location of each meeting.

Section 2.

The President and/or advisors may call special meetings.

Section 3.

All meetings, with the exception of officer only meetings, shall be open meetings and shall be held under the direction of an advisor or officer. Officer only meetings will also be held under the direction of an advisor.

Section 4.

Members who abstain from three meetings in a school year or two consecutive meetings without just cause may be placed on probation (see Article III).

ARTICLE IX

Recognition

Section 1.

Each member shall be entitled to a membership card and pin upon his/her induction.

Section 2.

Each member shall be entitled to wear their pin, signifying their years in the society, at graduation.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. The amendment must also be approved by the principal.

Constitution ratified by faculty council 3.2.2021