

**Greenfield Central Junior High School  
National Junior Honor Society  
By-Laws for the 2012-2013 School Year**

**Article I  
Name and Purpose**

Section 1 – The name of this chapter shall be the Greenfield Central Junior High Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2 – The purpose of this organization shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage exemplary citizenship.

**Article II  
The Principal**

Section 1 – The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2 – The principal shall annually appoint a chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

**Article III  
The Chapter Advisor**

Section 1 – The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between 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 the annual activity report to the national office.

Section 3 – The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

Section 4 – The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

**Article IV  
Faculty Council**

Section 1 – The faculty council shall consist of five voting members appointed annually by the principal. The principal is a non-voting member of the faculty council.

Section 2 – The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3 – The chapter advisor shall be an ex officio, nonvoting, member of the faculty council.

Section 4 – The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and review compliance with Society standards and obligations.

## **Article V Membership**

Section 1 – Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Final selection for membership is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizenship using faculty feedback and student information packets.

Section 2 – The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NJHS advisors, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 3 – Candidates become member when officially inducted into the NJHS.

Section 4 – A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers from another school and provides official documentation to the new school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member of the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the Greenfield Central Junior High chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 5 – Members who resign or are dismissed lose eligibility for membership or its benefits in the Greenfield Central Junior High Chapter of the NJHS.

Section 6 – Membership in National Honor Society at the high school level is not related to National Junior Honor Society at the middle school level.

## **Article VI Selection of Members**

Section 1 – To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a seventh or eighth grader. Students must have been in attendance at Greenfield Central Junior High for a full semester.

Section 2 – Candidates must have an accumulated GPA of 3.75 or better while at Greenfield Central Junior High. Students must exhibit exemplary character, outstanding citizenship, capable leadership, and devoted service.

Section 3 – The final selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council based on a review of the student information packet and feedback obtained from the faculty.

Section 4 – The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

## **Article VII Dismissal**

Section 1 – Students who fail to MAINTAIN the following standards are subject to probation and/or dismissal from membership:

1. Students must maintain a 3.75 GPA.
2. Students must regularly participate in the chapter service project during the school year.
3. Students must complete an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests.
4. Students are expected to attend all NJHS meetings – no more than one unexcused absence for the school year.
5. Serious discipline offenses are subject to review for possible dismissal.
6. Probationary status will be granted only once each school year.

Section 2 – In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to written notification of charges and a written response to the charge.

Section 3 – The National Council and NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

## **Article VIII Nomination and Election of Officers**

Section 1 – The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. All offices will be held by eighth grade students.

Section 2 – Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Greenfield Central Junior High Chapter.

Section 3 – Officers will be self-nominated. They will submit an “interest to run” permission slip signed by a parent/guardian, the student and three faculty members. They will turn this sheet in to the advisor by a specified date in order to be put on the ballot. Officers will be elected by written ballot at a general meeting after induction. The advisor will tally the ballots, and the announcement will be made in a timely manner.

## **Article IX Officers' Duties and Responsibilities**

Section 1 – It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter.

Section 2 – The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 3 – The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence.

Section 4 – The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 5 – If an officer is unable to fulfill his duties, the runner up from the previous election will be asked to serve. A new election will be called in necessary.

## **Article X Executive Committee**

Section 1 – The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor. The executive committee will meet on the first Tuesday of every month.

Section 2 – The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as specified in the chapter by-laws. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3 – The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

## **Article XI Meetings**

Section 1 – The Greenfield Central Junior High Chapter will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Section 2 – Special meetings, approved by the executive committee, may be called by the President with the approval of the chapter advisor.

Section 3 – Chapters shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order in all points not expressly provided for in these by-laws.

## **Article XII Activities**

Section 1 – The chapter shall be involved in one or more service projects during the school year. Members should regularly participate in this/these project(s).

Section 2 – Each member also has the responsibility of choosing and participating in an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests.

## **Article XIII Amendments**

These by-laws can be amended by the faculty council as needed.