

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BY-LAWS**  
**CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS I.S.D.**

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name and Purpose**

- Section 1: The name of this organization shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (name of campus) \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter of the National Honor Society of the Secondary Schools.
- Section 2: The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

**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 member of the faculty as chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.
- Section 3: The principal shall annually appoint a faculty council composed of five members of the school's faculty who may serve consecutive terms.
- Section 4: The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and the disciplining or dismissal of members.

**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 the 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 of the rules.
- Section 4: The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section 5. The chapter advisor shall be a member of the faculty appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.

#### **ARTICLE IV FACULTY COUNCIL**

Section 1: The faculty council shall consist of five voting members appointed annually by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council. No principal or assistant principal may be included on 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 faculty council shall meet at least once a year to review the procedures of the chapter, select members and to consider non-selection, dismissal, other disciplinary actions, and warning cases.

#### **ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Membership is open to any junior or senior who meets the annually published criteria for scholarship, character, leadership and service. A faculty council will select the members based on the above criteria. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2: Candidates become members when inducted at a Fall special ceremony.

Section 3: A National Honor Society member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter sponsor to the new school's chapter sponsor shall be accepted automatically as a member in \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the National Honor Society. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 4: Members who resign or are dismissed are never eligible for membership or its benefits.

Section 5: Membership shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. The honorary and graduate do not have a vote.

**ARTICLE VI  
SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- Section 1: To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the junior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at \_\_\_\_\_ the equivalent of one semester.
- Section 2: Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic G.P.A. of 5.8. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership and character.
- Section 3: The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.
- Section 4: A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication which is widely available to all students and parents of the school.

**ARTICLE VII  
MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1: Members must maintain a 5.8 GPA and S's and E's in conduct.
- Section 2: Members must do one or more NHS projects per year.
- Section 3: Members may count up to five service hours from summer projects for the fall semester.
- Section 4: Fall inductees begin their service hours in the spring of the same school year of induction.
- Section 5: Members are required to attend all NHS meetings unless there is a prior notice.
- Section 6: Members may miss one meeting per year without penalty.
- Section 7: Five (5) community hours and 15 school service hours must be acquired each semester.
- Section 8: NHS member who has been in good standing at the previous high school, may become a member with a letter of recommendation from the previous principal or sponsor.

## **ARTICLE VIII DISMISSAL**

Section 1: Members who fall below the standards, which were the basis for their selection, shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor. (Example: assignment to DMC, suspension, conduct below S / E or G.P.A below 5.8.) The member may be given a reasonable amount of time to correct, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 2: The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings. (Example: 3)

Section 3: In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 4: For the purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the faculty council is required.

Section 5: A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council to the principal.