

# **THE HAROLD K. WARREN CHAPTER NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CHAPTER BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name and Purpose**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be **The Harold K. Warren** Chapter of the National Honor Society of 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 which includes evaluating grade point average the second semester of each year.

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 sophomore or junior 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 spring 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 or brings his or her National Honor Society certificate or membership card shall be accepted automatically as a member in the **Harold K. Warren** 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 and graduate. The graduate does not have a vote.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Selection of Members**

Section 1: To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the sophomore or junior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at **Pine Forest High School** the equivalent of one semester.

Section 2: Candidates must have a cumulative weighted scholastic G.P.A. of 4.00. 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 done by a point system awarded based on evaluation of student's scholarship, leadership, service and character by 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 3.4 unweighted GPA.

Section 2: Members must participate in the chapter's designated projects for the year.

Section 3: Members must complete fifteen service hours over the summer. Dates for this service must fall between June and the first day of school.

Section 4: Spring inductees begin their service hours in the summer 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: Fifteen service hours are to be completed and submitted to the faculty advisor by the specified date each semester. Service hours must have been completed within the dates of that semester.

Section 8: Honor stoles are ordered in the spring semester for active members who graduate in good standing.

## **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. 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: A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision to the principal.