

# **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY BY-LAWS CHARLTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPTER**

## **ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE**

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Charlton Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.
- Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in students of Charlton Middle School.
- Section 3. The NJHS shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

## **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 be a part of the local school district appeal process for non-selection or dismissal cases.

## **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 at least five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No 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 chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting additional member of the Faculty Council.

Section 4. The Faculty Council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

## **ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a point system, devised by the Faculty Council, based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizenship.

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 members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 4. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 5. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

## **ARTICLE VI SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must currently be in their 7th or 8th grade year and have completed and earned grades for five previous marking periods.

Section 2. Students must have a cumulative average of 93 or above for the last 5 quarters in their Core subjects and a passing grade in all Unified Arts subjects.

Section 3. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a point system, devised by the Faculty Council, based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizenship.

Section 4. A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication which is widely available, in a timely fashion, to all students and parents of the school. The selection procedure shall be determined by the Faculty Council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 5. 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 DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL**

Section 1. The Faculty Council, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society, will develop a dismissal procedure. A written description of the discipline/dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards, which were the basis for their selection, shall be promptly warned, in writing, by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not, necessarily, have to be warned.

- Section 3. The Faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.
- Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to written notification of charges and a hearing before the Faculty Council.
- Section 5. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.
- Section 6. The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in the dismissal cases.

## **ARTICLE VIII NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and publicist.
- Section 2. Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Charlton Middle School Chapter every spring before the end of the school year. This election meeting is to take place no later than the second to the last week of the current school year. Elected officers will serve a term of one year that will begin the close of the current school year in which they were elected. Transfer of leadership will take place each subsequent year at the close of that school year.