

BRIDGELAND NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

Chapter Bylaws Of the Chapter Of the National Honor Society of Bridgeland High School

National Honor Society. Adopted: October 22, 2018 Amended: September 28, 2022

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Chapter of the National Honor Society of Bridgeland High School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Bridgeland High School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1. This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the NHS National Constitution. www.nhs.us/constitutions

Section 2. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school Principal.

Section 3. Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school Principal. (See Article V, Section 1 of the National Constitution.)

Section 4. Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Honorary members are selected at the discretion of the faculty council. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Bridgeland High School.
- c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 5.8 on a 6.0 scale.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, GPA standards and conduct requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council, which consists of five faculty members appointed by the Principal. The chapter advisers shall be the sixth and seventh, nonvoting, ex officio members of the faculty council.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students' discipline records shall be reviewed to determine eligibility.
- c. Students' classroom conduct record shall be reviewed to determine eligibility. Students with any markings below S's and E's will not be eligible for selection.
- d. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a candidate. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI; stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.
- e. All candidates shall be notified and asked to complete and submit candidate information forms for further consideration.
- f. The entire faculty will be sent a list of applicants and each member will be able to comment on the student's character. We expect our NHS members to be respectful of students and staff at all times, follow the campus badge and dress code policies, comply with faculty members in regards to cell phones in the classroom, and meet all academic deadlines. Additionally, our administration team will report all disciplinary infractions, including, but not limited to instances of academic dishonesty.
- g. Candidates must submit all application requirements by the published deadline in order to be considered for membership.
- h. Students must complete the application in their own handwriting. Any application filled out by someone other than the applicant will not be considered.
- i. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty

recommendations, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 4. All accepted applicants must attend the induction ceremony.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating membership.

Section 6. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter once the adviser receives an official letter from the students' previous campus. The faculty council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain membership.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$25 per member per year. Dues will be payable to the chapter within 30 days of induction via the online school payment portal.

Section 2. Each member must participate in at least three service projects each school year.

Section 3. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be granted the privilege to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 4. Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall surrender the privilege of wearing the emblem to the chapter.

Section 5. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor cords/stole at graduation.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Social Media Chair.

Section 2. With the exception of the first year of the organization, student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. For the first year, all student officers will be elected at the first official meeting after the induction ceremony. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3. A member who wishes to serve as a NHS officer must announce, in writing to the adviser, their desire to run for a specific office. Candidates are also required to go through an interview process with the chapter adviser and prepare a speech to give on the day of the election. Voting shall be by secret ballot and a chapter member may only vote if they are present on the election day. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section 5. 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 6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8. The Social Media Chair shall regularly update all social media platforms to reflect current activities of the chapter and ensure that correspondence with the community is both positive, appropriate, and timely.

Section 9. Officers will be removed from their position by the chapter adviser if they are placed on academic probation (see Article 5, Section 3) or if they violate the school code of conduct (see Article 5, Section 3).

Section 10. If an officer position become vacant, any member in good standing will be given the opportunity to be elected via secret ballot. If a member desires to fill a vacant position he/she will be required to complete the same requirements listed in Article VII, Section 3.

Section 11. Officers and the faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter. Any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be held once per month in person. Dates shall be set and determined by the officers.

Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.
<https://robertsrules.org/>

Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests and is approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5. The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

Section 6. Any member who signs up for a service project must attend. Members can cancel with at least 24 hours notice by deleting their sign up or notifying the chapter sponsor. Any member who no-shows with no contact two times shall be dismissed.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Bridgeland High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership in the school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when selected (5.8), the member will be given a written warning and one semester to regain the required grade point average. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period (one semester) the student will be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3. Each member must participate in 3 service projects each school year to avoid being dismissed from the chapter.

Section 4. Violations of the law or school regulations will result in immediate dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI; stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

Section 5. Offenders of the school code of conduct (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) may receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school code of conduct, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 6. Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the faculty council.

Section 7. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge(s) at a hearing before the faculty council prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present a defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face- to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the faculty council vote will be presented to the Principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser or pay a fine equivalent to the cost of the replacement of the emblems.
- d. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the building Principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.
- e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 8. In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW.

Section 1: These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles V and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.