

Bylaws of the Big Spring High School National Honor Society

Article I: Name

These bylaws govern the activity of the Big Spring High School chapter of the National Honor Society and are in accordance with the National Honor society Constitution dated May 2, 2008. These bylaws are designed to amplify provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the national constitution in all activities it undertakes.

Article II: Powers

The Big Spring High School Principal shall annually appoint a faculty member or member(s) to be Chapter Advisers and five faculty members to be on the Faculty Council. Both Advisers and Council members may have consecutive terms.

No principal or assistant principal may be on the Faculty Council. Faculty Council members shall meet at least once a year to review the procedures of the chapter, select members and to consider non-selection, dismissal, warning cases and other disciplinary actions. Selection of members is by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. The faculty Council will develop and revise, when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, discipline, and dismissal of members, all of which must remain in compliance with the National Constitution.

The Chapter Adviser(s) shall be responsible for the direct supervision of the chapter—maintaining files, regularly reviewing each member for compliance with Society standards, assisting chapter officers to understand their duties, and being an ex-officio, non-voting, member of the Faculty Council. Prior to notification of any candidates for membership, the Chapter Adviser shall review with the principal the results of the Faculty Council's deliberations.

Article III: Membership Selection

Membership in the local NHS chapter is limited to Juniors and Seniors. Juniors must have a 4.75 ranking point average, and Seniors must have a 4.5 ranking point average on a 6.0 grade point scale to meet the academic requirement. Other considerations for membership are character, leadership and service. The entire faculty has input on the character, leadership, and service of the candidates. Negative responses from three members of the faculty shall be consideration for non-selection of a candidate. Selection of members is by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. Candidates must have been in attendance at Big Spring High School the equivalent of one semester. On the basis of recommendation of the previous school principal or chapter adviser, the Faculty Council may waive the semester regulation. Prior to notification of any candidates, the Advisor shall review with the principal the results of the Faculty Council's deliberations.

Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony in the fall. Once selected, all members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate NHS qualities.

An NHS member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the principal or chapter adviser at the previous school shall be accepted automatically as a member in the BSHS chapter. However transfer members must provide evidence of NHS membership at a previous school by the middle of the semester in which they enroll at BSHS. Transfer members must meet the Big Spring High School academic standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Article IV: Obligation of Members

Attendance at the Induction Ceremony each year of membership is required. Membership dues for this chapter shall be \$50. Dues will be payable to the chapter treasurer or Advisor within 10 days of induction.

The chapter shall have meetings at a time and place to be announced as far in advance as possible. Members are expected to be at meetings unless they have notified the Adviser in advance of a schedule conflict. Members must follow school dress code at the Induction and all chapter meetings. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year. All members shall regularly participate in the projects. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty; be well planned, organized, and executed.

Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society. Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the NHS stole at graduation. The fee for the stole is included in the membership fee.

Article V: Officers

The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian.

Chapter officers for the following year shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of the 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.

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

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

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

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

The parliamentarian shall advise the presiding officer and members on matters of parliamentary procedure.

The vacancy of an office shall be filled by election at the first general membership meeting following the vacancy. Only Seniors are eligible to be officers.

Article VII: Discipline and Dismissal

Members who fall below the standards that were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the Chapter Adviser of their placement on probation and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. Since character and leadership are key considerations for membership in NHS any proof of cheating reported by a teacher will be considered by the Faculty Council as failure to uphold the NHS standards. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member does not have to be previously warned prior to a notification of dismissal.

A student will be placed on probation for the semester after which his/her G.P.A. does not meet the required level. If the required G.P.A. is not met at the conclusion of the probationary semester, the student will be dismissed from NHS.

In all cases of pending dismissal, the member shall have a right to a hearing before the Faculty Council. It is the responsibility of the member to arrange with the Sponsor or Principal a hearing date and time if they so choose. The hearing should be scheduled within 7 school days of the dismissal notification. A parent/guardian may be present at the hearing, but the primary purpose and focus of the hearing is to allow the member to present his or her case. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership and must return the official NHS pin and patch to the Chapter Advisor.

Article X: Ratification

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.

Article XI: 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 III and VII (selection, discipline and dismissal), which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Date: 2018-19

Signatures:

Chapter president

Secretary

Adviser

Principal

Faculty Council Members: