

Clovis High School Chapter of the National Honor Society Bylaws

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the National Honor Society, Clovis High School.

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 Clovis High School.

Section 3. The NHS, Clovis High School Chapter shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASPP).

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 chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

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 a liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.

Section 2. The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions.

Section 3. 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 five faculty members.

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-official 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 in the Clovis High School chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

*They must maintain an unweighted grade point average of a minimum of 3.5.

* Students must also complete at least one service project a year

* In addition student must also maintain character that reflect positively upon Clovis High School as well as the Clovis High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. New members shall be inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 3. Members who resign or are dismissed for reasons mentioned above in Section 1 of Article V are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE VI

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must have been a member of the Clovis High School student body for at least one full semester.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative unweighted grade point average of at least 3.5. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

Section 3. The selection of members to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

ARTICLE VII

DISMISSAL

Section 1. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties. See criteria in Section 1 of Article V above.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standard 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, except in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws a member does not have to be warned.

Section 3. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

ARTICLE VIII

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Commissioner of Public Relations, and Commissioner of Community Service.

Section 2. The President shall meet with the NHS advisor to plan meetings, chair all meetings, make, copy, and distribute the agenda to all members, coordinate with the executive committee, and liaison to CHS administration.

Section 3. The Vice President shall assist the President, chair all meetings that the President is unable to attend and oversee attendance.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings for a record of all business, which entail attendance, motions, topics, speakers, decisions, and actions.

Section 5. The Commissioner of Public Relations shall notify all NHS members or entire school to any or all NHS events, meetings, or obligations; shall use any or all methods deemed necessary (school announcements, fliers, notes, Cougars Growl, etc.) take pictures, and make sure that the NHS pictures is in the school yearbook. It is preferred that this position be a person currently enrolled in the yearbook class, but it is not mandatory.

Section 6. The Commissioner of Community Service shall coordinate community and school service events each year that are done by the chapter members as well as keep records of individual member hours of service rendered each year.

ARTICLE IX

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

Article X

MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be regular meetings during the school year on days designated by the executive committee.

Section 2. Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called by the president.

Article XI

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 faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned and executed.

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

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

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the chapter by a majority vote.