



## **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**



Highpoint Academy is a registered Charter Member of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), an organization for Highpoint Academy's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7th and 8th Grade Honor Students.

**MISSION and PURPOSE:** The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render community service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship in the students. Members will be required to volunteer their services to the community, be good citizens and continuously serve as examples to the rest of the student body.

**WHAT IS NJHS?** Today, it is estimated that more than one million students annually participate in activities of NHS and its middle level counterpart, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada. Chapter Membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop through involvement in school activities and community service.

**WHO CAN JOIN HIGHPOINT'S NJHS?:** Highpoint's Middle School Students that are nominated by their Teachers ("Faculty Advisors"). *Note: Students nominated from the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be "provisional members" without voting rights until the second quarter of the school year.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Selection for membership is by majority vote of the three Faculty "Chapter Advisors." Student Members must maintain a minimum scholastic average of 90 percent, B, or 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale.) Nominations for Membership are also based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, citizenship and other requirements as per the NJHS By-Laws. Once selected, members will have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities throughout the school year and will also be required to participate in community service.

# **NJHS By Laws**

## **Article I**

The name of this chapter shall be the **Highpoint Academy National Junior Honor Society**

## **Article II**

The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship.

## **Article III**

The principal shall have the right to veto any decision made by the executive committee or membership.

## **Article IV**

Section 1 – Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by majority vote of Chapter Advisors and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities throughout the school year.

Section 2 – The Chapter Advisors shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to Principals, Teachers, 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 in the Fall of each school year.

Section 4 – A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to another school and presents 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 school's chapter's standards.

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

## **Article V**

Section 1 – To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a student enrolled in the second semester sixth grade, seventh grade or eighth grade at Highpoint Academy.

Section 2 – Candidates must have a scholastic average of 90 percent, B, or 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent standard of excellence. For 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Scholastic average of 90 or above required when the final grades of all subjects are averaged. For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, the average of all subjects must be a 90 (B) or above. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, conduct and citizenship.

Section 3 – The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by majority vote of the Chapter Advisors.

Section 4 – A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school manner, which is available to students and parents in the school.

Section 5 – Candidates must be good citizens.

Section 6 – No student who has ever been suspended from school will be invited to be a member unless there is a unanimous vote of the Chapter Advisors.

Section 7 – No student who has been in indoor suspension for more than one offense or who has had excessive visits to the office is eligible to be a candidate unless there is a unanimous vote of the Chapter Advisors.

### **Article VI**

Section 1 – The procedure for dismissal shall be determined by the Chapter Advisors in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society. A written description of the 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 following reporting period. In the case of flagrant violations of school rules or civil laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned; a member who is suspended is automatically dismissed unless overruled by a unanimous vote of the faculty council.

Section 3 – The majority of the Chapter Advisors shall determine when an individual has exceeded two warnings, and he/she shall be dismissed.

### **Article VII**

Section 1 – The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 – The officers' election shall be determined by majority votes of the members of the chapter. Election of the following school year's officers shall be held in the late spring.

Section 3 – The majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer. The Chapter Advisors shall count all votes. Voting will be by secret ballot.

### **Article VIII**

Section 1 – The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chapter Advisors.

Section 2 – The Chapter Advisers shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as are specified in the chapter bylaws.

Section 3 – The Chapter Advisers shall have the responsibility of ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

**Article IX**

Section 1 – Chapter meetings will be held at the discretion of the Chapter Advisers but no less than twice a semester.

Section 2 – Special meetings approved by the Chapter Advisers may be called by the President, and the presiding Vice President may call committee meetings approved by the Chapter Advisers.

**Article X**

Section 1 – Each 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, organized and executed.

Section 4 – Each chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Section 5 – Each chapter shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in a service projects which reflect the particular talents and interests of its members.

Section 6 – Each member is responsible for a minimum of 6 service hours per semester; an adult must sign notice of the service hours.

Section 7 – Any member not earning these hours will be subject to dismissal.

**Article XI**

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Chapter Advisers of the NJHS.

**Article XII**

Section 1 – Dues shall be \$5.00 per member, per school year. Each member may be assessed a nominal fee for an NJHS T-Shirt.

Section 2 – Dues shall be payable to the Chapter Advisers prior to induction.

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**I have read and understood the BY-LAWS and requirements of the  
Highpoint Academy NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_