

**By-Laws of the  
Perryton Junior High School Chapter  
National Junior Honor Society  
2012**

**ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose**

**Section 1:** The Name of this Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society shall be the Perryton Junior High School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. (Herein referred to as “the chapter” or “this chapter”)

**Section 2:** The purpose of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and citizenship, and to encourage the development of character in the students of Perryton Junior High School.

**ARTICLE II: Membership**

**Section 1:** Membership in this chapter shall be known as either active or honorary. Honorary members have no vote in chapter affairs.

**Section 2:** 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, Citizenship and Character.

**Section 3:** Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be second semester 6th graders or 7th graders. After the 2012 selection, only 8th graders that transfer from another school will be eligible for honorary selection if they meet the eligibility requirements.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance since the first day of the second semester of the current school year at Perryton Junior High School.
- c. Candidates must meet state attendance standards to be eligible.
- d. Candidates eligible for membership shall have a minimum current year average of 90, including honors points for honors level classes of core classes.
- e. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance and GPA requirements, candidates shall then be considered based upon their service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

### **ARTICLE III: Selection of Members**

**Section 1:** The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Advisory Council consisting of five members of the Perryton Junior High School faculty. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, non-voting member of the Faculty Advisory Council.

**Section 2:** Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic and attendance records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who meet the academic and attendance requirement shall be notified in writing and asked to complete and submit the Student Activity Information Form (SAIF) for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the Official Evaluation Form (OEF) provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The Faculty Advisory Council shall review all of the SAIF and OEF forms in order to determine membership before voting.

**Section 3:** The selection of new, active members shall occur once a year during the second semester of the school year.

**Section 4:** Candidates approved for membership shall be notified in writing. Candidates and their parent/guardian must respond to this notice by signing and returning the document that explains the responsibilities of being a member of National Junior Honor Society.

**Section 5:** Candidates become members at an induction ceremony held at the end of the school year. Inductees must participate in the induction ceremony or they will not be eligible for membership.

**Section 6:** An active member who transfers from another school to Perryton Junior High School will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter after the receipt of an official letter from the chapter advisor from the previous school.

## **ARTICLE IV: Discipline and Dismissal**

**Section 1:** Members who fall below standards which were the basis for their selection shall be warned in a written notification by the chapter adviser, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws that result in corporal punishment, ISS or OSS, including but not limited to possession or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, possession of weapons, assault of school personnel or another student; etc. In those severe cases, members will be dismissed immediately.

**Section 2:** Candidates will be warned in writing and placed on probation following the below mentioned offenses:

- Failure to maintain a minimum 90 grade average of core classes with honors points every six weeks.
- Failure to participate in a chapter service project.
- Failure to attend a regular meeting of the chapter.
- Habitual tardiness (3 or more) to any event including chapter meetings.
- Failure to participate in chapter activities.
- Any failure to follow school rules that results in an office referral.
- Failure to maintain the high ideals of leadership, service, citizenship, and character.
- Failure to complete the required individual service hours required by the National Constitution by the required dates (Two hours in the fall and two hours in the spring.) This merits immediate dismissal.
- Failure to return your individual service hours sheet before the day of induction practice. This merits immediate dismissal.

**Section 3:** The Faculty Advisory Council shall give a member who has received a warning for falling below the required GPA one six week grading period to bring the GPA back up to standard. If the member fails to do so, they will be dismissed. For offenses not meriting immediate dismissal, students will be placed on probation and will be subject to immediate dismissal if they have another violation before the end of the next grading period.

**Section 4:** In all cases of impending dismissal, the member has the right to request a hearing before the Faculty Advisory Council and the school principal. The request must be submitted in writing no later than two business days after the receipt of notification on dismissal.

## **ARTICLE V: Officers**

- Section 5:** The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and historian.
- Section 6:** Students interested in being officers shall submit letters of intent at least one week before the second meeting of the year and shall then be eligible for office. All active members in good standing are eligible to submit letters of intent. All active members are eligible to vote for officers at the second meeting.
- Section 7:** An election will be determined by the candidate that receives the most number of votes. In the event of an actual tie, there will be a run-off election to break the tie.
- Section 8:** It shall be the duty of the officers to serve on the Executive Committee with the faculty advisor.
- Section 9:** It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings.
- Section 10:** It shall be the duty of the vice president to preside in the absence of the president. The vice president shall also keep records of the members' contribution of leadership and service.
- Section 11:** It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep the record of all expenses, fundraisers, and dues for the chapter.
- Section 12:** It shall be the duty of the historian to keep the scrapbook and inform local media about chapter events and make/post announcements about the chapter.
- Section 13:** All officers will assist fellow officers in completing duties of the chapter.
- Section 14:** In the event that an officer is dismissed from membership or leaves school for any reason, the vacant office will be filled by the runner-up in the original election.

## **ARTICLE VI: Meetings**

- Section 1:** Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly on the first Wednesday of each month.
- Section 2:** This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 3:** All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings. An excused absence is defined as any absence from school that is considered excused. A member must bring the excuse to the chapter secretary or chapter advisor within one week of the absence so it may be recorded as an excused absence.

## **ARTICLE VII: Activities**

**Section 1:** The chapter shall determine one (or more if the members choose) group service project in which all members shall participate at the second meeting of the year. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the community or school, have the support of the administration and staff, be appropriate and educational defensible, and be well planned, organized, and executed.

**Section 2:** Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and is approved by the chapter advisor. This project is in addition to the service projects in which all members contribute.

**Section 3:** Fundraisers may be conducted twice a semester as needed with the approval of the chapter advisor and the school principal.

## **ARTICLE VIII: Dues**

**Section 1:** Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$10.00 for active members.

**Section 2:** Dues must be paid to the chapter treasurer or chapter advisor before the induction ceremony practice.

## **ARTICLE X: Amendments**

**Section 1:** These by-laws may be amended by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the members at least two weeks prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles III and IV (selection and discipline) which are developed by the Faculty Advisory Council.

**Section 2:** By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Junior Honor Society.

**Dated:** May 7, 2012