

**Idalou Middle School  
National Junior Honor Society  
Bylaws**

**Article I  
Name and Purpose**

- Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Idalou Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.
- Section 2: The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship.

**Article II  
General Government**

Government shall be according to the constitution of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

**Article III  
Administration**

- Section 1: The chapter advisor(s) will be 1-2 middle school faculty members.
- Section 2: The faculty council will consist of 3-5 appointed teachers who are to remain anonymous.
- Section 3: All activities are subject to the approval of the principal.

**Article IV  
Membership**

- Section 1: To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or the second semester of 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Section 2: Candidates must have been in attendance at least one semester unless the student was a member at a previous school.
- Section 3: Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 92. This does not include PE or athletics.
- Section 4: The election of members shall be by majority vote of the faculty council.
- Section 5: A copy of the selection procedure shall be available to all students and parents. The selection procedure shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the NJHS.

- Section 6: All members are required to obtain at least 16 points for the year to continue membership in NJHS and attend activities. Points may be earned through community service and awarded at the discretion of the advisors. Official documentation must be provided. **No more than two points will be awarded per event. Generally, one hour of community service constitutes one point.**

## **Article V Dismissal**

- Section 1: A member will be brought before the faculty council for failing to maintain a cumulative 90 average not including PE or athletics for a semester. The council may choose to give a warning, place the student on conditional probation, or dismiss the member. However, a failing six weeks grade on a report card will result in immediate dismissal.
- Section 2: A member receiving a disciplinary/office referral, ISS, OSS, corporal punishment or 2 detentions will be discussed with the faculty council. The council may choose to give a warning, place the student on conditional probation, or dismiss the member.
- Section 3: A member who does not meet the requirements of 16 points for the year will be discussed with the faculty council. The council may choose to give a warning, place the student on conditional probation, or dismiss the member.
- Section 4: Two unexcused absences from meetings or required events will be discussed with the faculty council. The council may choose to give a warning, place the student on conditional probation, or dismiss the member.

## **Article VII Officers**

- Section 1: The elected officers shall be: president from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, vice-president from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, secretary from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and treasurer from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Section 2: A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any chapter officer.
- Section 3: The faculty council may remove a student from office if they are not representing NJHS appropriately. In the event of officer removal, the advisor(s) may choose to hold another election or leave the office vacant.

## **Article VIII Executive Committee**

- Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor(s).
- Section 2: The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and perform other duties as necessary.

## **Article IX Meetings**

- Section 1: Unless otherwise ordered by the executive committee or chapter advisor(s), regular meetings shall be held during lunch or homeroom once a month.
- Section 2: Special meetings may be called as needed.
- Section 3: Failure to attend any meeting or required event without submitting a written excuse prior will constitute an unexcused absence.
- Section 4: If a member is absent from school on the day of the event or meeting, it will constitute an excused absence.

## **Article X Finances**

- Section 1: The dues are \$10.00 per year.
- Section 2: Money collect through dues is used to finance the costs of NJHS activities and national dues.
- Section 3: All transactions will go through the Idalou Middle School Activity Fund.

## **Article XI Amendments**

All changes to these bylaws will be made through the faculty council.