

**The Bylaws of the Dayton High School Chapter
of the
National Honor Society**

Dayton High School
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**Article I
Name and Purpose**

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Dayton High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

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

**Article II
Membership**

Section 1: Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members have no voice or 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, and character.

Section 3: Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for selection must be a member of the junior or senior class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Dayton High School.
- c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.25 (on a 5.0 scale). The scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement of admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standards may be admitted to candidacy of selection membership.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, 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 Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth non-voting, ex officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2: Prior to selection the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records and disciplinary reports shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the Official Evaluation Form provided by the chapter advisor.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership.

Section 3: The selection of new active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 4: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5: Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 6: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter signed by the principal or chapter advisor indicating the status of his or her membership.

Section 7: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his or her membership.

Article IV

Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be considered for dismissal from the Dayton High School chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his or her

academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his or her school and community.

Section 2: If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect when he or she was selected, he or she will be given a written warning (probation) and a time period for improvement of one grading cycle. If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include consideration for dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3: If a member fails to perform any of the published obligations of membership, he or she will be given a written warning and a specific time period for improvement. If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4: Violations of the law or school regulations may result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to: DWI; stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.

Section 5: Offenders of the school conduct code, whose resulting punishment is ISS placement, will receive a written warning (probation) notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council, student, or parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 6: Offenders of the school Code of Conduct, whose resulting punishment is removal from the high school campus and placement at the DAEP campus will be subject to dismissal as approved by the Faculty Council and with the approval of the Principal.

Section 7: In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the advisor or Faculty Council. The member and advisor will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held.
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be reviewed by the principal and then, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents and principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the advisor.

- d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards through the school discipline policy.
- e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 8: In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

Section 9: A graduating senior who is on probation and does not have a full grading cycle to remove the probation, will not be dismissed from the chapter. However, he/she will not be allowed to wear the NHS collar at graduation.

Article V Officers

Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter.

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected in the second semester of the school year prior to the spring banquet. All returning, active members in good standing are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members are eligible to vote.

Section 3: 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.

The following duties should reflect the responsibilities developed for officers in the local chapter:

Section 4: It will be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter. The president will conduct the induction of new members and organize the ceremony. The president will be at the head of all activities of the chapter. He or she must provide the advisor with an agenda prior to any meeting.

Section 5: The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and will assist the president in the induction of all new members.

Section 6: The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. The secretary will be responsible for all official chapter correspondence. The secretary will be responsible for keeping records on member service hours and attendance at meetings/service activities.

Section 7: The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses and other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8: The reporter will be responsible for all publicity for the chapter. The reporter shall maintain a scrapbook of all events and activities during the school year.

Article VI

Executive Committee

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

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to review of the chapter members.

Section 3: The activities of the chapter shall be subject to the approval of the advisor and the principal.

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1: The meetings of the chapter shall be held monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal.

Section 2: This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3: All members are required to attend meetings unless excused by the adviser. Members who miss two meetings per semester for an unexcused reason will be given a warning period of one semester. If a member misses an additional meeting after being placed on probation, he or she shall be considered for immediate dismissal.

Section 4: The president may call special meetings, which must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII

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 the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

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

Section 5: Each member must complete a minimum of 15 clock hours of community service each year which must be completed and documented one week prior to the Senior Awards Assembly in the spring.

Section 6: The chapter will participate in one fundraising project each year for the primary purpose of funding the local scholarship.

Section 7: The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Article IX Emblem

Section 1: 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 Association of Secondary Schools Principals.

Section 2: Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 3: Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor chords or other insignia adopted at the local level at graduation.

Section 4: All insignia must be procured from the national secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091.

Article X Dues

Section 1: There are no annual dues assessed.

Article XI Scholarships

Section 1: The local chapter will award a scholarship, the Katie Griffiths Memorial Scholarship, in honor and memory of her work and dedication to Dayton High School and the Dayton High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Members will be eligible for additional scholarships per financial availability of the chapter.

Section 2: To be considered for this scholarship students must apply.

Section 3: To be eligible to apply, students must be a graduating senior, must have been inducted into the chapter during their junior year or equivalent, and must have been members in good standing for two years or its equivalent.

Section 4: A scholarship selection committee shall select the recipient of the scholarship from the applicants. The committee shall consist of the advisor, principal and one other member appointed by the principal.

Article XII

Powers

Section 1: The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 2: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3: These bylaws are designed to amplify provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any component thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the national constitution of all activities.

Article XIII

Amendments

Section 1: 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 vote. The exceptions are Articles III and VI (Selection and Discipline), which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Section 2: Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Honor Society.