

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
PISGAH HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER BYLAWS

Article I

Name and Purpose

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

Section 2: The object 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 all students of Pisgah Senior High School.

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based on **Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.**

Section 2. Membership of this chapter is active, each member having the right to vote.

Section 3. To be chosen as members of the National Honor Society, candidates shall have spent at least **one** semester in this school and be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class.

Section 4: Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum scholarship average of **3.75 or above on a weighted scale.** The scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy.

Article III

Selection of Members

Section 1. The selection of members of this chapter of the National Honor Society shall be based on the minimum grade point average of **3.75 or above on a weighted scale. The average must be exact.** The advisors secure the grade point average of each candidate from the Guidance Department.

Section 2. **Candidates for membership in the chapter must reflect the trait of Character. Candidates must have no OSS days assigned and/or no more than 4 days cumulative in ISS while at Pisgah to be considered for membership. The advisors secure a monthly discipline report from the office.**

Section 3. Candidates must also possess the qualities of Service and Leadership.

Section 4. **Candidates will submit a completed information sheet for membership.**

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership and signed by the principal and the chapter advisor.

Section 6. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

Article IV

Dismissal

Section 1: Members who fall below the academic standards shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency.

Section 2: In the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member is promptly dismissed in writing by the chapter advisor.

Section 3: Documented and substantiated cases of cheating as reported to the advisor by other members of the faculty shall result in immediate dismissal.

Section 4: **During the time of membership in this chapter, members who are placed in In-School Suspension for a first offense will receive a letter of reprimand from the advisor. Any other ISS assignment while a Pisgah student will result in the member's immediate dismissal.**

Section 5: Placement in **Out-of-School Suspension** will result in impending dismissal.

Section 6: In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the Faculty Council, appointed by the principal. **The purpose of this appeal shall be to provide an opportunity for the student to explain his/her version of what happened (as per School Board Policy SA1).**

Section 7: Dismissal from membership shall be determined by the Faculty Council.

Section 8: A member will be notified in writing of the decision of the faculty council. The member may submit in writing his appeal.

Section 9: A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 10: **Once a member has been dismissed he/she may never be reconsidered for membership.**

Article V

Officers

Section 1: The officers of this chapter shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Officers shall be members of the senior class.

Section 3: A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 5: The Vice-President shall fill the chair of the president in his/her absence.

Section 6: The chapter Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and a record of all business. He/She shall, with the approval of the advisor, certify to the National Secretary of the National Council, the names of all members for the current school year on the Annual Report submitted in June to the National Headquarters.

Section 7: The chapter Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting dues from members and handling other financial matters.

Article VI

Section 1: This chapter is an affiliate of the National Organization, Charter Number **13809**. We have been an affiliate since 1967.

Section 2: As a charter organization, this chapter is obliged to follow all rules and regulations stipulated in the National Honor Society Handbook.

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

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1: The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held during the school year at times deemed necessary by the President and/or the advisor, with the approval of the principal.

Section 2: Special called meetings that are deemed necessary may be called by the president with the consent of the advisor.

Section 3: All meetings shall be held under the sponsorship of the advisor who is selected by the principal.

Article VIII

Dues

Section 1: The annual dues for each member shall not exceed seven dollars (\$7.00) per year.

Article IX

Service Projects

Section 1: Members of the National Honor Society will earn credit for service hours by serving on committees engaged in service projects dedicated to the school and community.

Section 2: Service hours will be earned through Thanksgiving and White Christmas projects.

Section 3: Each member will contribute money or a wrapped toy and canned food items to the White Christmas project in order to get service hours credit for this project.

Section 4: Additional service hours may be earned by members for the Academic Banquet.

Section 5: Other service projects as deemed necessary and useful to the school and community by the principal, advisor, officers, or members will be undertaken by the chapter after a vote of approval by the membership.

Article X

Amendments

Section 1: This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment(s) has/have been approved by the Faculty Council and the principal and by the National Honor Society and that notice to members has been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which amendment(s) is/are to be voted upon.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

You qualify for membership in Pisgah's Chapter of the National Honor Society. Please fill out this information sheet if you wish to be considered a candidate for initiation.

NAME _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____

I. COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc. and major accomplishments in each.

ACTIVITY GRADE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

II. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities.

LEADERSHIP POSITION GRADE ACTIVITY/ORGANIZATION

III. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: List community activities in which you have

participated and note any major accomplishment in each.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HOURS/WEEK</u>	<u>ACCOMPLISHMENT</u>

IV. Please read the following carefully and fill out the appropriate information.

_____ I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION WHILE
A STUDENT AT PISGAH. GRADE ____ DATE _____

_____ I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION WHILE A
STUDENT AT PISGAH. GRADE ____ NUMBER OF DAYS ____
INFRACTION _____

_____ I HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR BY A COURT
OF LAW.

_____ I HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY BY A COURT OF LAW.

_____ I HAVE NEVER BEEN ASSIGNED ISS OR OSS WHILE A STUDENT
AT PISGAH.

I authorize that all the above information is true.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Please pay your \$7.00 membership fees to Tracie McElreath or Jennifer McCall.