

Constitution of the National Honor Society

Gull Lake High School

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 The name of this chapter shall be the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.

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 a **character** in students of Gull Lake High School.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

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

Section 2 Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members upon graduation.

Section 3 Candidates shall have spent at least one trimester in Gull Lake High School and shall be members of the sophomore or junior class. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a scholarship cumulative grade point average of at least **3.500**. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be for this chapter the required scholastic achievement for admissions to candidacy for membership in this chapter. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard level shall be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their Service, Leadership and Character.

ARTICLE III ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1 The election of members to this chapter of the National Honor society shall be by a chapter council consisting of members of the faculty; in no case should there be fewer than five teachers.

Section 2 Any member of the faculty may propose to the council the names of students eligible for membership in the chapter.

Section 3 **Any member who falls below the standards, which were the bases of his election, shall be promptly warned.** If during the next two (2) trimesters, the member fails to meet the

standards used as a bases for his election to the Society, his case shall be passed upon by the faculty council. A National Honor Society member must maintain the standards for membership in order to retain his membership. A member will be allowed **only one warning period**. Once a member is dismissed from membership, he or she is never again eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 4 Members must take an active part in the **service projects, FUNdraisers and community events** undertaken by the chapter. **If there is a conflict with an event, the member is responsible for turning in a written excuse one week prior to the event.** If the member misses an additional event and is excused, he/she will be required to do two additional service hours on top of the twelve hours required per year:

If unexcused:

- 1 event- 4 service hours
- 2 events- Probation
- 3 events- Meet with NHS Faculty Council

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian.

Section 2 A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 3 It shall be the duty of the **president** (but not limited) to preside at the meetings of this chapter, represent this chapter at all chapter projects, and to oversee all committee chairpersons.

Section 4 It shall be the duty of the **vice-president** (but not limited) to fill the chair of the president in his/her absence and assist the president with his/her duties.

Section 5 The chapter **secretary** shall (but not limited) keep the minutes of the meetings, a record of all business, all records on file and all correspondences.

Section 6 The **treasurer** shall (but not limited) receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

Section 7 The **historian** shall (but not limited) keep record of service hours and keep the chapter scrapbook up to date with chapter activities.

Section 8 Senior Class officers and Student Senate officers are not eligible to become National Honor Society officers in this chapter.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter.

Section 2 The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the executive committee may be subject to the review of the chapter.

Section 3 All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by the chapter advisor.

ARTICLE VI SUPERVISION

Section 1 The activities of this chapter shall be subject to final approval of the principal.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS/ATTENDANCE

Section 1 The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly at 6:50 AM.

Section 2 Each member is required to be in attendance at all meetings.

Section 3 **At two absences, an additional two hours of service is due.** A probation period will begin at the third absence, and if the fourth absence occurs, members will go under review for possible dismissal proceedings. Attendance will reset at the beginning of each new school year.

Section 4 **For every 2 tardies to a meeting,** a member will have an additional half hour of service due at the end of the trimester.

Section 5 The officers of this chapter shall be elected by September of each year.

Section 6 Special meetings, approved by the executive committee, may be called by the president.

Section 7 All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the advisor or the principal.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the executive committee of the chapter and by the national secretary of the National Honor Society, and that notice to members has been given at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE IX SERVICE HOURS

Section 1 All Chapter members are required to perform four (4) hours of service per trimester. Service hours are defined as hours spent volunteering, giving time, and/or giving service. The hours must be from at least two sources. The first four (4) hours may be performed in the previous summer. Service hours do not include NHS service projects, FUNdraisers or community events.

Section 2 If a member serves as a National Honor Society officer or is in Student Senate, six (6) hours of service performed for these organizations may also be used for NHS service hours.

Section 3 If a member does not complete his/her required hours of service, he/she will be put on probation. Service must be completed, and the member in *good standing* by graduation or at the start of the next year (whichever comes first). Failure to do so will result in a meeting with the NHS Faculty Council to determine membership status.