

Lynn English High School Chapter National Honor Society By-Laws

ARTICLE I | NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of the local organization shall be called The Lynn English Chapter of The National Honor Society.

Section 2. The object of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Lynn English 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. The graduate members have no vote.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be based on Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 3. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one academic year at Lynn English High School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.80 weighted scale. This scholarship achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted into candidacy for selection to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE III | SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The final selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members invited by the Chapter Advisor (as delegated by principal). The chapter advisor(s) shall be non-voting, ex-officio member(s) of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Prior to final selection, the following shall occur:

Student's academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.

Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete the Candidate Information Form for further consideration for selection.

The faculty shall be requested to rate and comment on candidates determined to be scholastically eligible.

The Candidate Information Form Packet and faculty input shall be reviewed by the faculty council.

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Section 3. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year. (Alternate or additional selection periods may be added.)

Section 4. Upon non-selection to the National Honor Society, a student may appeal the decision within one month of notification to the chapter advisor(s).

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.

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

ARTICLE IV | DISMISSAL

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be dismissed from the chapter. Each member, his/her parent/guardian, the NHS advisor, and the school principal will all sign an agreement to this effect.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade-point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (3.80) he/she will be given a written warning and a time period, one (1) quarter for improvement. If the cumulative grade-point average remains below 3.80 at the end of the warning period the student may be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3. Violation of criminal law or school regulations can result in dismissal of the student from the chapter. 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 4. Offenders of the school discipline code (such as use of profanity, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school disciplinary code, the member may be dismissed.

Section 5. Any member whose personal conduct is questionable in accordance with the accepted norms of student behavior may be dismissed by the Faculty Council.

Section 6. In the case of pending dismissal:

a. The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal from the advisor(s)/Faculty Council. The member and advisor(s) will discuss the written notice in a conference.

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- b. The member will be offered a hearing with the Faculty Council prior to dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss.
- c. A letter of dismissal will be sent to the principal, student, and parents/guardians if the student is dismissed.
- d. The member may appeal the Faculty Council's decision to the Principal within one month.
- e. When the student is dismissed, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society,

ARTICLE V | OFFICERS

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

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the school year from the members of the junior class. They shall hold office during their senior year.

Section 3. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this 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.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter.

Section 5. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and be responsible for correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep record of business expenses, dues, etc.

Section 8. In the event of the dismissal of an officer, the runner up for the election of that office shall replace the dismissed member.

ARTICLE VI | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisor(s) and the chapter officers.

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

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ARTICLE VII | ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects 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 a service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5. Each member shall submit Verification Forms totaling 20 or more hours of service during active membership before March 1st of senior year to earn the privilege to wear honor chords at graduation ceremony.

Section 6. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE VIII | MEETINGS

Section 1. Monthly meetings for all active members of this chapter shall be on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2:35 PM in room 201. The executive committee shall meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:35 PM in room 201.

Section 2. The chapter shall conduct its active member meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX | DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$10.00 per active member.

Section 2. Dues will be payable to the chapter treasurer with 30 days of induction.

Section 3. Members who do not pay dues will lose the privilege to wear honor chords at graduation ceremony.

ARTICLE XI | AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles III and IV which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

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Section 2. By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor society.