

National Junior Honor Society  
McKamy Middle School

Constitutional By-Laws

**Article I**

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the McKamy Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2: The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for superior scholarship, to develop citizenship, to stimulate a desire to serve, to promote leadership, and to instill exemplary qualities of character.

**Article II**

Section 1: Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service.

Section 2: The election of members to this chapter shall be by the Faculty Council with the principal acting as an advisor.

Section 3: Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be in their seventh grade year, with induction procedures taking place during the second semester of their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must have a minimum cumulative *core* subject average of a pure 93 without rounding. Core subjects used in this average are the following: math, science, ELA, social studies, and foreign language (if the student is enrolled). This scholastic level shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission. All students who can rise in scholarship or above this standard may be admitted for election to membership. Entry is based upon the cumulative grade point average for 6th grade and 1st semester of 7th grade core classes. Candidates shall be considered on the basis of citizenship, service, leadership, and character by self reporting and confidential teacher input.

Section 4: Candidates eligible to the McKamy Chapter must have positive teacher recommendations and no office visits due to classroom behavior in order to be considered for membership. These are to serve as a judgment of the member's character and leadership qualities.

Section 5: To be eligible for election to membership to the chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance at this school for at least one semester by the end of the first semester in their 7th grade year.

Section 6: NJHS members from another school are eligible for the faculty council to waive the semester regulation based upon the recommendation of the current principal and the principal from the previous school. A member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership to this chapter upon presentation of a letter signed by his former principal certifying membership. In order to retain membership, a transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter.

Section 7: A member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter signed by the principal indicating the status of his membership.

Section 8: All members shall be inducted into the society with an appropriate ceremony receiving a card signifying pending membership.

Section 8: To maintain membership, a member must sustain a cumulative average of a pure 93 or above, must meet chapter standards for character, leadership, citizenship, service, attend the monthly meetings and pay the required dues. The member shall be warned near the semester mark if member is not upholding these standards. If during a succeeding grading period or probationary period the member continues to fail to meet standards, then his/her case will be reviewed by the faculty council and sponsor. A majority vote of the faculty council shall be necessary for dismissal. Once a member has been dismissed, that member is never again eligible for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 9: NONE

Section 10: When a member is dismissed, he/she shall be notified in writing, and their certificate will not be issued at the end of the year ceremony.

Section 11: Members who fall below standards for character, leadership or citizenship shall have his/her case discussed amongst the Faculty Council in order to decide on probationary terms or dismissal. These terms shall be determined based on the severity of the case.

### **Article III:**

Section 1: The principal shall appoint a teacher or teachers to serve as the chapter sponsor.

Section 2: The faculty council of no fewer than 5 faculty members and will meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and probationary cases. The chapter sponsor shall be an ex-officio member of the faculty council.

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

### **Article IV:**

Section 1: The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and historian. The officer descriptions may also be decided by the chapter sponsor.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the National Junior Honor Society and elected by a ballot system.

Section 3: It is the duty of the president to preside over the meetings. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president. The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings. ~~The treasurer shall assist the sponsors in financial matters.~~ The historian shall write and announce all club events.

### **Article V:**

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

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter but any action on part of the executive committee shall be subject to review by the chapter membership except the dismissal of members, which is the exclusive duty of the faculty council.

Section 3: The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

### **Article VII:**

There shall be regular mandatory meetings of the chapter during the school year. Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called by the president. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under supervision of the principal or chapter sponsor. NJHS members who are present at school during that day will be expected to attend 80% of the monthly meetings.

**Article VIII:**

Section 1: The chapter shall be involved in one or more service projects during the school year.

Section 2: Each member shall be responsible for participating in at least 2 hour of on-campus service, which can include participating in chapter wide service projects, service before school or after school. School hours can also include squire camp and/or welcoming new families to McKamy in the summer before the school year starts.

Section 3: Each member shall be responsible for participating in at least 2 hours of off-campus service, and the documentation of completed hours must be signed by a supervisor at the time of volunteering.

Section 4: Each member shall be responsible for participating in at least 5 hours in the fall and 5 hours in the spring for a total of 10 hours. Two hours must be on-campus, two hours must be off-campus and the other 8 hours may either be on-campus or off-campus volunteer hours. Accumulation of up to 2 hours during the summer can be applied to either the fall or spring hour requirement.

Section 5: All service hour documentation is the responsibility of each individual member.

These By-Laws were approved by the faculty council in the fall of 2019, and are to govern members in the 2019-2020 McKamy Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Any amendments to these By-Laws would be subject to approval by the Principal and the Faculty Council.