**Bylaws**

**Onslow Early College High School**

**National Honor Society**

**ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE
    Section 1.** The name of this chapter shall be Onslow Early College National Honor Society.
**Section 2.** The object of this chapter shall be to actively promote scholarship, render service to those who need or request it, promote positive leadership and to develop persons of good character at Onslow Early High School.

**ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**    **Section 1.** Membership in this chapter shall be based on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.
    **Section 2.** To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance at Onslow Early College for a period of 1 semester.
**Section 3.** Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be sophomores and juniors in their second semester, or seniors in their first semester. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter shall have a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 3.50.
        The following will act as the standard for consideration.
    **Scholarship**        All students can demonstrate scholastic excellence and should prepare from freshman year forward.  Candidates demonstrate scholastic excellence through their academic record (transcript review). The Faculty Council will examine their cumulative GPA and history of academic rigor.  Invitations are extended to students who demonstrate excellence in the criteria areas as described above. Students may be considered for membership during three separate selection cycles. The Faculty Council, a five-member committee of faculty appointed by the principal, selects students for membership during a review of documentation. All candidates will receive hand delivered notification.
    **Section 4.** Once students have obtained the required minimum scholarship requirements, they will then be considered based on their service (a minimum of 10 hours is required), 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 appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Faculty Council.
    **Section 2.** The selection of an active member shall be held three times during a student’s high school career, first, in second semester of sophomore year, second, in the second semester of junior year and third, in the first semester of senior year.
    **Section 3.** An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of their membership, signed by the Principal.
    **Section 4.** An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically 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 their membership.
 **Section 5.** If you choose to wear honor cords for graduation, it is $5.00 for the cords.

**ARTICLE IV DISMISSAL**
   **Section 1**. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Onslow Early College National Honor Society. A member is expected to maintain an active role in service and leadership to their school and community.
        Requirements:
            1. You must maintain all the scholastic requirements met for entrance into the NHS.
            2. You must participate in one service project sponsored by the NHS each school year. (Such as a fundraiser or event done by NHS).
            3. You must complete 5 community service hours between February 1st and the last day of the spring semester of the semester you join NHS. Proper documentation is due by the last day of classes that semester.

               10 hours must be completed over the summer of your sophomore and junior year. Proper documentation will be due the first week of school for the following fall semester. Dates will be posted on Teams.

             10 hours must be completed each semester of your junior and senior year. Proper documentation will be due the first week of school the following semester. Dates will be posted on Teams.

Failure to complete hours or to turn them in one time will result in additional hours.

            4. You must attend a minimum of 3 general membership meetings throughout the year.
            5. You must attend the induction ceremony.

**Section 2.** If a member’s cumulative GPA falls below the standard established in Article II, Section 3, he/she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If a member fails to perform any of the obligations listed for membership including service hours and meeting deadlines, or if the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action up to and including removal from the chapter.

**Section 3.** Any member being considered for dismissal/removal will receive written warning notification. The member may then request a hearing with the Faculty Council to explain themselves, they may in lieu of attending a meeting, place their appeal in writing and have it delivered to the Faculty Council. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss a member; the decision of the Faculty Council will be reviewed by the Principal and then, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents, and Principal. The Faculty Council’s decision may be appealed to the building Principal.

**Section 4.** Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the advisor, and he/she may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Honor Society.
**Section 5.** In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

**ARTICLE V OFFICERS
    Section 1.** The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

**Section 2.** Student Officers shall be elected at the May meeting of each school year. All active members of the chapter can vote. A simple majority is required to elect officers.
**Section 3.** The following duties shall fall to each officer elected by the general membership.
**NHS Officer Descriptions**
**President:**
                1) Chairs all meetings.
                2) Acts as spokesperson for NHS at school related events which involve NHS.
                3) Acts as direct NHS representative to principal and school board when necessary.
                4) Speaks at NHS induction ceremony.
                5) Sets executive board meeting times with the advisors.
                6) Delivers annual report to principal and membership.
                7) Works directly with and is answerable to NHS advisor.
                8) Assumes all duties and responsibilities that may occur during the year.
**Vice-President:**
                1) Chairs meetings in president’s absence.
                2) Sets agenda for all meetings.
                3) Chairs and directs all committees within NHS.
                4) Receives reports from committees and passes them on to executive board.
                5) Sets executive board meeting agenda.
                6) Works directly with and is answerable to NHS advisor.
                7) Assumes all duties and responsibilities that may occur during the year.
**Secretary:**
                1) Acts as official recorder for all information regarding NHS.
                2) Is the public relations director for NHS.
                3) Records minutes of membership meetings and sees to their publication and distribution in a timely fashion.
                4) Communicates directly with parents regarding induction ceremonies, graduation, etc.
                5) Chairs the social committee.
                6) Works directly with and is answerable to NHS advisor.

7) Takes attendance at all meetings.
                8) Assumes all duties and responsibilities that may occur during the year.
**Treasurer:**
                1) Is responsible for all financial dealings with NHS.
                2) Records all financial transactions.
                3) Records and collects membership dues.
                4) Provides financial report to executive board and general meeting as needed.
                5) Provides annual financial report to principal and membership.
                6) Works directly with and is answerable to NHS advisor.
                7) Assumes all duties and responsibilities that may occur during the year.

**ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
    Section 1.** The executive committee shall consist of the faculty adviser and the chapter officers.

**ARTICLE VII MEETINGS
    Section 1**. Meetings of this chapter will be held one per month.  A calendar will be given at the beginning of each semester to the members.
**Section 2.** All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings.

**ARTICLE VIII ACTIVITIES
    Section 1.** The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.
**Section 2.** All members shall participate regularly in these projects.
**Section 3.** These projects shall fulfill a need within the school or community, have support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well planned, organized, and executed.

**ARTICLE IX EMBLEM
     Section 1.** Each member of the chapter who is in good standing shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.
**Section 2.** Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter, shall return the emblem to the chapter. [note: if the members purchased such emblems, then chapter is obligated to reimburse the student for said expense]
**Section 3.** Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor cords at graduation, the cost of which will be at the student’s expense.

**ARTICLE X DUES
    Section 1.** Annual dues for the chapter shall be covered by Onslow Early College at this time.
**Section 2.** Cord money will be payable to the chapter treasurer.

**ARTICLE XI POWERS
    Section 1.** The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as designated 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 reflective of the provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof.

**ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS
    Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of this 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 (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.