

Constitution of Lakeview Centennial National Honor Society 2017-2018

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Lakeview Centennial Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the chapter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society duly signed by the National Secretary.

Section 2: The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate the desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in all students of Lakeview Centennial High School.

Article II: The Principal

Section 1: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2: The principal shall appoint a chapter sponsor/adviser.

Section 3: The principal shall be apart of the local appeal process for non-selection and dismissal cases.

Article III: The Chapter Sponsor/Adviser

Section 1: The chapter sponsor/adviser shall be responsible for the district, day-to-day supervision of the chapter, and will act as a liaison between faculty and administration, students, and community.

Section 2: The chapter sponsor/adviser, with the assistance of chapter officers, shall maintain files on membership, activities, and financial transactions.

Section 3: The chapter sponsor/adviser shall regularly review the membership for compliance with NHS standards and obligations.

Section 4: The chapter sponsor/adviser shall help chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Article IV: Faculty Council

Section 1: The faculty council shall consist of at least five voting faculty members appointed by the principal and/or chapter sponsor.

Section 2: The chapter sponsor/adviser shall be a non-voting member of the faculty council.

Section 3: The faculty council shall meet as needed to review membership selection and to consider warnings and dismissals.

Article V: Membership

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student and is based on scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2: Membership eligibility requires that a candidate must have been in attendance in Lakeview for a period equivalent to one semester.

Section 3: Membership dues/T-shirt are \$30.00 annually and payable the fall of each school year.

Section 4: Honorary membership may be awarded to school's officials, administrators, teachers, or adults in recognition of outstanding service to Lakeview. The faculty council shall be responsible for determining this honor.

Section 5: NHS members who transfer from another school and provide appropriate letter from the former principal or chapter adviser shall be accepted as a member at Lakeview. Transfer members must meet Lakeview's NHS standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 6: Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Article VI: Selection of Members

Section 1: Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the junior, or senior class who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at the end of the fall semester. In addition, a member must acquire 20 hours of community service per semester (for a total of 50, 10 summer hours are included). Students shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character. The faculty council shall be the final determinant for membership.

Section 2: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 3: The Lakeview chapter operates on a community service hour system which determines student effort, retention of membership, and the awarding of privilege, such as running for NHS office and wearing the NHS stole at the senior graduation ceremony. A detailed description of the hour system will be reviewed annually, updated, and posted in an accessible manner.

Section 4: Members must maintain NHS chapter standards and Lakeview policies in order to retain membership status.

Article VII: Dismissal of Members

Section 1: Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter sponsor/adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 2: In the case of a decline in GPA below the standard of 3.5, a student shall be given one semester to correct deficiency. Seniors who fall below the standard at the end of the fall semester must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at the end of the sixth six weeks in order to claim NHS membership at the graduation ceremony.

Section 3: The faculty council and/or sponsor determine an individual's dismissal.

Section 4: Members have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 5: Members who have been dismissed may appeal the decision under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 6: Dismissed members and those who resign cannot regain membership status and are ineligible for NHS benefits.

Article VIII: Chapter Officers

Section 1: The officers of the Lakeview chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, sergeant at arms, senior representative, and junior representative.

Section 2: A majority of votes cast by active, non-graduating members shall be necessary to elect any officer.

Section 3: Officer Candidates must be active members in good standing on non-probationary status. New officers shall be elected in the spring and shall be installed at a special ceremony.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter. In addition, the president shall attend all meetings, prepare agenda, organize all activities, provide proper reports for the chapter sponsor/adviser, promote pride in NHS and Lakeview, and exhibit exemplary leadership in upholding organization standards.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the vice president to preside at meetings in the absence of the president. In addition, the vice president shall attend all meetings, assist the president in all activities, promote pride in NHS and Lakeview, and exhibit exemplary leadership in upholding organization standards.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the secretary to record and post the minutes of all meetings. In addition, the secretary shall attend all meetings, record and post points earned by members, certify membership to the national secretary with approval of the chapter sponsor/adviser, promote pride in NHS and Lakeview, and exhibit exemplary leadership in upholding organization standards.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and disburse funds of the chapter. In addition, the treasurer shall attend all meetings, maintain current and accurate accounts of funds in accordance with school regulations, promote pride in NHS and Lakeview and exhibit exemplary leadership in upholding organization standards.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the sergeant at arms to maintain proper order and procedure at chapter meetings. In addition, the sergeant at arms shall attend all meetings, promote pride in NHS and Lakeview, and exhibit exemplary leadership in upholding organization standards.

Section 9: It shall be the duty of the historian to document meetings and activities, organize and produce an annual scrapbook to be displayed at the final meeting. In addition, the historian shall attend all meetings, promote pride in NHS and Lakeview, and exhibit exemplary leadership in upholding organization standards.

Section 10: It shall be the duty of the junior and senior representatives to act as communication liaison between members and officers and sponsors. In addition, representatives shall attend all meetings, supervise the club shirt project, promote pride in NHS and Lakeview, and exhibit exemplary leadership in upholding organization standards.

Article IX: Meetings

Section 1: The chapter shall hold regular monthly meetings during the school year on days designated by the principal or sponsor.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the principal or sponsor.

Article X: Activities

Section 1: The chapter shall determine service projects for the year.

Section 2: All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3: Projects shall have one or more of the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4: The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.