

**BYLAWS OF THE EATON HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Eaton High School National Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Eaton High School.

ARTICLE II – SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible for consideration the candidate must be of junior or senior status. Prospective candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale). All qualifying students will be notified by the chapter advisor and given an information packet if they wish to be considered for membership.

Section 2. To be eligible for consideration the candidate must have completed a minimum of 30 community service hours cumulative from the beginning of their freshman year.

Section 3. Eligibility to be a candidate requires full time attendance at EHS one semester prior to the semester in which the induction ceremony is held. Maintaining NHS membership requires being enrolled as a full time EHS student.

Section 4. Selection for membership in this chapter is by the faculty council who will use information noted on the Student Information Form submitted by each prospective applicant. Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society.

Section 5. Any candidate who might fail to qualify due to lack of service, leadership and character will be informed in writing by the Advisor. The letter and/or conference with the advisor will include a discussion about the area in which the student was weak and how he/she can improve so that the student can apply next year.

Section 6. Any candidate may request an appeal by writing a letter of appeal to the Faculty council stating why they feel they should be reconsidered for membership. The Faculty Council will discuss and vote on the appeal.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

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

Section 2. Members must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average. Any member who falls below the standards which were used as basis for his/her selection shall be promptly warned. A NHS member must maintain all four standards for membership in order to retain the membership.

Section 3. All members shall be required to participate in the various service projects that are a part of our organization. This could also include any projects that the school or community might request which would be in addition to our regularly established projects. Some projects may require time outside regular school hours.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. All members, new and old, are required to attend the induction ceremony. If the inductee or a current member is unable to attend the ceremony, a written explanation will be required. The advisor reserves the right to determine the acceptability of the excuse and/or decide consequences if the explanation is inadequate.

Section 5. Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated by their chapter to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program. The advisor shall select the nominees.

Section 6. A National Honor Society member who transfers to EHS and brings a letter of transfer from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new advisor may be considered for immediate membership in the EHS chapter. Transfer members must meet this chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 7. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE IV – ACTIVITIES

Section 1. This chapter shall conduct at least 2 service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members will be required to participate.

Section 3. These projects will have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate, educationally sound, well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member has the responsibility for choosing a service project inside or outside of school, which reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects and is in accordance with the National Regulations. Members must complete an additional 10 hours of community service during their junior year and an additional 10 hours of community service during their senior year.

Section 5. Any member not meeting the service requirements may be subject to probation.

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

ARTICLE V – PROBATION

Section 1. Probation is a warning that a member has fallen below the standards of the NHS. Probation will include non-participation in any of the privileges that are due to members of our Chapter who are in good standing and meeting all of the criteria of the NHS.

Section 2. Any member on probation shall still be required to fulfill the normal responsibilities of a NHS member including meetings and participation in service activities.

Section 3. Any member who has not completed the 10 hours of community service by the end of their junior year will be on probation.

Section 4. Any member on probation during the second semester of the senior year shall not be permitted to wear the honor cord at the graduation ceremony.

ARTICLE VI – DISMISSAL

Section 1. If a member's cumulative semester average falls below the minimum required for selection, the member shall be issued a written warning granting one semester to raise the cumulative semester average to the required level. Failure to do so can result in dismissal from the NHS.

Section 2. In disciplinary cases other than those involving failure to maintain the required cumulative semester average, the faculty council shall vote to issue warnings or dismiss members who violate the standards of the NHS. The EHS Chapter would also be governed by the rules and regulations as stated in the student handbook.

Section 3. Upon receiving notification of a violation, the Advisor shall proceed using the national policies of the NHS as a guide:

- A. Notify the member of the charge.
- B. Convene the faculty council for the purpose of hearing the charge.
- C. Provide, in writing, the nature of the violation, the time period given for improvement and/or probation, and provide warning of the possible consequences of non-improvement.
- D. Provide the member in violation the opportunity to respond either in writing or orally.
- E. See the NHS policies concerning discipline and dismissal of members.