



Kingsway Regional High School
National Honor Society
Bylaws



Article I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 - The name of this chapter shall be the Kingsway Regional High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.

Section 2 - The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in the pupils of Kingsway Regional High School.

Article II - AUTHORITY

Section 1 - The chapter adviser(s) are given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal. The chapter advisor(s) shall be member of the school. The advisor(s) approves chapter activities, maintain chapter records, and attend all meetings and functions. The chapter advisor(s) is an ex officio, non-voting, member of the faculty council.

Section 2 - The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter. This authority extends to selection and dismissal of members. The principal cannot serve as chapter advisor and is not a member of the voting Faculty Council. The principal receives appeals of non-selection of candidates and the discipline or dismissal of members.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

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

Section 2 - Membership is divided into three categories: active, graduate, and honorary.

Section 3 - To be eligible for membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester at Kingsway Regional High School.

Section 4 - Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be a first semester junior, or senior.

Section 5 - Candidates eligible for membership in this chapter shall have a minimum scholarship grade point average of 3.7 (weighted), which is required by the National Honors Society of Secondary Schools. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership.

Article IV - SELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1 - The 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 adviser shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2 - Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The entire faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership.

To be considered for membership, students must have the following:

- **2021-2022 school year: 20 Leadership Points/7 Service Hours**
- **2022-2023 school year: 20 Leadership Points/10 Service Hours**
- ***Points and hours can only be accrued the previous 2 school years by each student. Points and hours obtained during current school year will not count towards application.***

Section 3 - The selection of new active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 4 - Prior to induction, a meeting will be held with all selected members to review membership obligations/by-laws.

Section 5 - Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 6 - Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Article V - DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1 - Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be considered for dismissal from the Kingsway Regional High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

- a. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his or her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his or her school and community.

Section 2 - If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect when he or she was selected, 3.7 or above (weighted), he or she will be given a written warning and one marking period to meet the required standards. If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning

period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3 - If a member fails to perform any of the published obligations of membership, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

- a. Once a member has been on probation for any violation, if the member would need to be placed on probation for a second time; he or she would need to meet with the Faculty Council upon which time they could decide if a second probation would be granted or a dismissal is necessary.

Section 4 - Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to,

- a. stealing;
- b. destruction of property;
- c. cheating;
- d. truancy; or
- e. possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.
- f. a violation of the student handbook

Section 5 - In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser or Faculty Council. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held (see below).
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be reviewed by the principal and then, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents, and principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the building principal.
- e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 6 - In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

Article VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Meetings of this chapter shall be held consistently throughout the school year.

- a. Every other month as needed

*** Meetings will be limited/restricted due to COVID-19. Meetings may be conducted via Zoom or other virtual outlets.**

Section 2 - All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings.

- a. If you cannot attend a meeting you must notify one of the chapter advisors at least one day in advance.

Section 3 - Participation/Service points can **NOT** be earned by attending monthly meeting.

Article VII - ACTIVITIES

Section 1 - The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

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

Section 3 - Participation/Service in Activities will be based upon a point system. The following rules apply when obtaining your points for the year:

- a. You must participate in one NHS sponsored function/activity per semester
- b. You must earn 60 points total for the year ONCE YOU ARE INDUCTED!
- c. Senior must earn all points by May 1.
- d. Points earned during first semester may be carried over to the second semester.
- e. Points earned during the summer will be applied to the first semester.
- f. No points from second semester can carry over to the next year.
- g. Participation Points for school related activities, if not listed below, must be pre-approved by one of the NHS advisors.
- h. All participation Points must be turned in at the end of the semester.
- i. Points will be awarded as follows:

5 points	3 points	1 point
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman, JV, and Varsity Level Athletics • Fall Play • Winter Musical • Color Guard • Marching Band • Kingsway Elite • Community Activities (with proper documentation verifying amount of weekly hours spent on activity. Minimum 5 hours per week): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports ○ Dance ○ Gymnastics ○ Equestrian ○ Ice Skating ○ Martial Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock Trial • Newspaper • Select Jazz Band • Music Lessons • South Jersey Chorus • All State Chorus • South Jersey Band • All State Band • Athletic Team Managers for KRHS • Class Officer (no extra officer points) • Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts with proper documentation verifying the amount of weekly hours spent on activity • 4-H with proper documentation verifying the amount of weekly hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECA • STEM • BLA • School of Health Professions • Scholastics Team • Office/Guidance/Nurse/Media Center/Tech/Athletic Trainer Aide • Anti-Bullying Club • Art Club • Book Club • Circle of Friends • Cultures Club • Environmental Club • Drama Club • Environmental Club • Foreign Language Club • Habitat for Humanity

spent on activity

- Interact Club
- K.D.T.V.
- Key Club
- Kingsway Ambassador
- Math Club
- Model Congress& Debate Club
- National Art Honor Society
- P.A.W.S.
- Photography Club
- Robotics
- S.A.D.D.
- Spectrum
- Stage Crew
- S.T.A.F.F.
- Steppers
- Student Athletic Trainer Club
- Student Council
- S.U.R.E.
- TRI-M
- Writer's Bloc Club
- Yearbook
- Youth Group

***ALL CLUBS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE YOUR ADVISORS.**

j. All other service hours will be awarded as follows:

- Summer Service- For every hour donated a point will be given with proper documentation.
- School Year Service- For every ½ hour a point will be given with proper documentation.

*** Please noted a member's individual service project may not be used for summer hours (Please section Article VII, section 5 below,)**

Section 4 -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 5 - Each member may have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests and is approved by the chapter advisers. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Article VIII - OFFICER ELECTION

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

Section 2 - Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.

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 for this chapter as well as prepare a written agenda prior to each meeting.

Section 5 - The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and organize and run the peer tutoring program.

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

Section 7 - The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8 - The parliamentarian shall keep a written log of all points earned by each member.

Article IX - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 - The executive committee shall consist of the faculty adviser 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 by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Revised and Updated by Mr. Lavery and Mrs. Young- July 20, 2021