

National Junior Honor Society Chapter By-laws
Grafton Middle School

Motto: Light is the symbol of truth
Colors: Blue and White

Article 1 The name of this chapter shall be the *James W. Carmines* Chapter.

Article 2 The purpose of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in our members.

Article 3 A Faculty Council, composed up of at least 5 teachers, will oversee the chapter. The Council will be the deciding body regarding membership and if necessary, the removal of student members for not meeting NJHS standards. The Grafton Middle School Principal will appoint Faculty Council members to serve for one academic year (May – May). He/She has the right to veto activities and decisions of the chapter.

Duties of the Faculty Council include:

- Meeting at least quarterly and as needed at interims to review membership status'
- Generating suspension/expulsion correspondence based on membership requirements
- Reviewing Membership Applications during 4th quarter
- Selecting Members based on membership criteria (scholarship, leadership, service, character/citizenship)

Article 4 A member shall be considered active if he/she fulfills the duties of a member: to attend all meetings, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA (3.60) in the core subjects, pay dues, perform the stated number of service hours, and remain in good standing within the school and community.

Article 5 After the 3rd Quarter, students in the 7th grade with a 3.6 cumulative GPA (Middle School CORE plus high school credit classes through 1st semester of 7th grade) will be invited to submit an application for Spring Induction. Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character and citizenship. The selection of members to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. Candidates selected for membership will receive an invitation and shall be inducted at a ceremony soon thereafter. Additionally, after the first quarter of the eighth-grade year, students who were previously non-selected and any new eighth grade students who meet the requirements for membership, will be invited to submit an application. Induction will occur in the first semester of the eighth-grade year.

If a student is a member of a National Junior Honor Society Chapter, in good standing, from a previous school, they are considered an automatic member of the GMS James W. Carmines Chapter and will be held accountable to all things outlined in these bylaws. Proof of membership (Certificate of induction/membership) is required and shall be included in the student's cumulative folder.

Article 6 Meetings of the NJHS shall be held bi-monthly. The chapter President may call special meetings if approved by the executive committee.

Article 7 The executive committee shall consist of the chapter officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and the advisor/s.

Duties of the officers include:

- Conducting meetings and keeping accurate records for the chapter.

Duties of the advisor/s include:

- supervising the chapter on a day to day basis and acting as a liaison between administration, faculty, students and the community.
- Helping chapter officers understand their duties.
- Maintaining official chapter records, attending all meetings and functions.

Duties of members include:

- attending all meetings unless a note to the president, secretary or advisor/s is written stating the reason for missing the meeting
- maintaining a 3.6 minimum GPA
- paying yearly dues of \$15.00
- Participating in 10 hours of school or community service per semester. Any hours completed between 7th and 8th grade, may only count for first semester. Hours can be carried over and accrue from month to month. If hours of one semester are met, additional hours will carry over to the following semester. However, all second semester hours must be completed during the school year.

Article 8 Election of chapter officers is to be by simple majority vote of the members present or members voting, if the election is held online. Removal from office can occur when the officer does not comply with the stated duties of membership or of the office. Another election will be held to fill a vacancy.

Article 9 Proposals for changing the by-laws must be approved by the Faculty Council.

Article 10 By-laws shall be approved by the GMS principal.