

National Honor Society Constitution

Bullet Hill Chapter

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Bullet Hill Chapter of the 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 Pomperaug High School.

Section 3. The Bullet Hill Chapter of the National Honor Society shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191-1537.

Article II. Principal

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

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint a chapter advisor (s) and members of the Faculty Council.

Section 3. The Principal shall receive appeals in cases of a candidate's non-selection, and the disciplining or dismissal of members. Appeals must be based on procedural issues and not on issues of fact.

Section 4. The Principal shall review with the chapter Adviser the results of the faculty council's deliberations for approval prior to notification of the candidates.

Article III. The Chapter Advisor(s)

Section 1. The chapter advisor(s) shall be (a) member(s) of the faculty, appointed annually by the Principal, and may serve consecutive terms.

Section 2. The chapter advisor(s) shall be an impartial, non-voting, sixth member(s) of the Faculty Council.

Section 3. The chapter advisor(s) shall be responsible for the direct daily supervision of the chapter and act as liaison with faculty, administration, students, and community.

Section 4. The chapter advisor(s) shall help the Student Officers understand and carry out their duties, and shall be present at chapter events to oversee them.

Section 5. The chapter advisor(s) shall review each member for compliance with chapter standards and obligations yearly.

Section 6. The chapter advisor(s) shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter advisor(s) will send the annual report to the national office.

Article IV. Faculty Council

Section 1. The Faculty Council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed yearly by the Principal. Neither the Principal nor the Vice- Principal(s) may be members of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. The term of the Faculty Council shall be one year, members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The members of the Faculty Council shall be fully knowledgeable of the guidelines for the Bullet Hill Chapter and they shall carefully follow all stated guidelines and procedures in all aspects of the chapter's activities.

Section 4. The Faculty Council shall meet as required to review the procedures of the chapter, to select members, and to consider dismissal, non-selection, other disciplinary actions, and warning cases.

Section 5. The Faculty Council shall have the power to develop and revise, when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, disciplining, and dismissal of members, all of which must remain in compliance with national guidelines.

Article V. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Bullet Hill Chapter, as in all National Honor Societies, is an honor, a privilege, and a responsibility bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, citizenship, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility of continuing to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Membership shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs. The Faculty Council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisors, adults, students with disabilities or foreign exchange students in recognition of achievement and/or outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the

purpose of the National Honor Society. Honorary members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 4. A NHS member who transfers from another school and presents a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the Bullet Hill advisor(s) shall be accepted automatically as a member in the Bullet Hill Chapter. Transfer students must then meet the Bullet Hill Chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 5. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for NHS membership or its benefits.

Article VI. Selection of Members

Section 1. To be eligible for membership, candidates must be members of the junior or senior class and have been in attendance at Pomperaug High School for the equivalent of one semester.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of exactly 3.7 or higher. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

Section 3. The selection of each member to the Bullet Hill Chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council after consideration of all available information.

Section 4. The selection procedure shall be established by the Faculty Council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society. A description of the Bullet Hill Chapter's selection procedure is published on the school website.

Section 5. The National Council and/or NASSP shall not review the judgment of the Faculty Council regarding selection of individual members to the Bullet Hill Chapter.

Article VII. Dismissal

Section 1. The procedure for dismissal shall be determined by the Faculty Council in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society. A description of Bullet Hill's dismissal procedure is published in the bylaws and will be available electronically on the website.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards that represent the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor(s) and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of a

flagrant violation of school rules or of civic laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have the right to a hearing before the Faculty Council.

Section 5. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the Faculty Council is required.

Section 6. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the Region 15 School System.

Section 7. The National Council and/or NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

Article VIII. Chapter Officers

Section 1. The officers of the chapter, their duties, and the method of their election shall be determined by the members of the chapter, approved by Faculty Council and the principal, and described in the chapter bylaws.

Section 2. New officers shall be installed at a special ceremony.

Article IX. Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Bullet Hill Chapter and the chapter advisor(s).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as are specified in the chapter bylaws. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

Article X. Meetings

Section 1. The Bullet Hill Chapter shall have regular meetings during the school year on days designated by the Executive Committee and in accordance with school policy and regulations.

Section 2. The regularity of the meetings shall be designated in the bylaws.

Section 3. The Bullet Hill Chapter shall conduct meetings in a fair and democratic manner, in all points not expressly provided for in this Constitution or the chapter bylaws.

Section 4. Special meetings approved by the Executive Committee may be called by the Bullet Hill Chapter President or other designated student leader.

Article XI. Activities

Section 1. The Bullet Hill Chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

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

Section 3. 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 congruent with the mission statement of Pomperaug High School; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. The Bullet Hill Chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Article XII. Official Insignia

Section 1. This organization shall have an official emblem to be worn only by those in good standing. The emblem shall be uniform and its distribution and rules for its use shall be determined by the NASSAP Board of Directors.

Section 2. The motto of the National Honor Society shall be Noblesse Oblige.

Section 3. The official colors of the National Honor Society shall be blue and gold.

Article XIII. Bylaws

Section 1. The Bullet Hill Chapter shall write bylaws to amplify sections of this Constitution and to clarify operating procedures of the chapter. Bylaws do not need the approval of the NASSP but must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. The chapter bylaws shall contain information concerning the election and duties of officers, the schedule of meetings, member obligations, dues, and the like.

Article XIV. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Bullet Hill National Honor Society Faculty Council or by an affirmative vote of three members of the Faculty Council via mail or e-mail.

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