

Archie R. Cole Middle School

National Junior Honor Society Bylaws

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Archie R. Cole Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render services, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in students of Archie R. Cole Middle School.

Section 3. The National Junior Honor Society (hereinafter "NJHS") shall be under the sponsorship of the National Association of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (hereinafter "NASSP"), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

Article II

The Principal

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

Section 2. The principal and/or assistant principal shall annually appoint a chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The principal or assistant principal shall be a part of the local school appeal process for non-selection or dismissal cases.

Article III

The Chapter Advisor

Section 1. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students and community.

Section 2. The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter advisor shall send the annual activity report to the national office.

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.

Section 4. The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Article IV

Faculty Council

Section 1. The faculty council shall consist of five voting members appointed annually by the principal. No principal may be included on 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 chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section 4. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

Article V

Membership

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a majority vote of the faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship.

Section 2. The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NJHS advisors, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Junior Honor Society.

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

Section 4. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to Archie R. Cole Middle School and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor or presents their NJHS membership card to the NJHS Advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member of this chapter. Additionally, transfer members must meet all of the standards of Archie R. Cole Middle School National Junior Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society in order to retain membership.

Article VI

Selection of Members

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the seventh or eighth grades.

Section 2. Scholastic Achievement (Scholarship)

Candidates must have a cumulative middle school Grade Point Average of 4.5 or above. The cumulative middle school average will consist of all subjects beginning with first quarter grades of the sixth grade year. Candidates shall then be evaluated in the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 3. Service

Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student, which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service. In considering service, the faculty council will review the contributions this candidate has made to school, classmates, and community, with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

The student who serves:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competitions
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
- Shows courtesy and kindness by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

Section 4. Leadership

The leadership criterion is considered highly important for membership selection. Leadership roles in both the school and community may be considered, provided they can be verified.

The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding the Archie R. Cole Middle School Core Values
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Exemplifies positive initiative
- Successfully hold student offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school community activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted

Section 5. Character

The student of good character upholds the principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty, integrity, and reliability. The student shows courtesy, empathy, and respect for others. A student with character;

Section 6: Citizenship

Candidates must demonstrate an understanding of the importance of civic involvement, have a high regard for freedom, justice and respect for the American form of government and demonstrate mature participation and responsibility through involvement in school clubs and community organizations.

The student who demonstrates citizenship:

- Understands the importance of civic involvement;
- Has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect of the American form of representative government;
- Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as Scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

Section 7. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 8. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 9. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

Article VII

Discipline/Dismissal

Section 1. A description of the discipline/dismissal procedure shall be available to the members of the chapter.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards, which were the basis for their selection, shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given one grading period (quarter) 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 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 written notification of the charges and a hearing before the faculty council

Section 5. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 6. The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

Article VIII

Nomination and Election of Officers