



**Chapter Bylaws of the  
Iroquois Chapter  
of the National Honor Society**

*Adopted: 5/31/2022*

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this chapter shall be the Iroquois Chapter of the National Honor Society of Iroquois High School.

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

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 students of Iroquois High School.

**ARTICLE III: POWERS**

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NHS (National Honor Society). See [www.nhs.us/constitutions](http://www.nhs.us/constitutions). In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: This chapter will remain an active member of the state association, Iroquois National Honor Society, by paying annual dues and participating in state functions when possible.

Section 3: The chapter adviser is given authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 4: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 5: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 2: Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3: Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of their junior or senior class.
- b. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum grade of 94.0 or higher.
- c. Upon meeting the grade level and grade standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

### **ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of five (5) faculty members approved by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, nonvoting, *ex officio* member of the faculty council.

Section 2: The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 3: Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form for further consideration.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official input form provided by the chapter advisor. Each applicant can choose 2-3 teachers to fill this out.
- d. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.
- e. Names will be removed from applications. Each application will instead be assigned a number.
- f. A point system will be used to accept applicants into the National Honor Society. Scores of 10/15 will be accepted for the determination of applicant.
- g. Students must demonstrate proficiency in each of the four pillars. A score of "0" in any of the pillars will automatically disqualify a student from consideration.
- h. Applications must be in the possession of the SSS office by the posted deadline. Late applications will not be accepted or considered.

1. Scholarship example:

- i. Cumulative average 94.00-95.99 (2 points)
- ii. Cumulative average 96.00-97.00 (3 points)

- iii. Cumulative average 98.00 and up (4 points)
- 2. Service example:
  - i. Less than 15 hours (0 points)
  - ii. 15-60 hours (1 point)
  - iii. 61-80 hours (2 points)
  - iv. 81-99 hours (3 points)
  - v. 100 + hours (4 points)
- 3. Leadership example: List of leadership, activities with adult verified signature (form).
  - i. 0 leadership examples (0 points)
  - ii. 1 leadership examples (1 point)
  - iii. 2 leadership examples (2 points)
  - iv. 3+ leadership examples (3 points)
- 4. Character example:
  - i. No Infractions (4 points)
  - ii. One – three (1-3) detentions (2 points)
  - iii. Any ISS/OSS, and/or 4 or more detentions (0 points)
- 5. Verification signature from student
  - i. Students must verify all of the information as correct and must understand that any false report will result in immediate disqualification for the current school year.

Section 4: Any infraction that results in any discipline higher than a detention will be discussed by the faculty committee. The Principal will supply all data and information to the committee to make a decision on if the student will be allowed to remain in NHS or will be released from NHS due to the infraction.

Section 5: Candidates become members when inducted at the induction ceremony.

Section 6: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating status of his/her membership.

Section 7: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The faculty council shall grant the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements, and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

Section 1: Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$15.00. Dues will be payable within thirty (30) days of induction.

Section 2: Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 3: Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 4: Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the **privilege** of wearing the National Honor Society robe at graduation. (If dismissed, please refer to Article X, Section 7)

## **ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS**

Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and public relations.

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3: Voting shall be by secret online survey. 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 of the chapter and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section 5: The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6: The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

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

Section 8: Public relations are responsible for communicating with all members issues of meetings, dates, times, events, and other pertinent information.

Section 9: Officers and the faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and 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.

## **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

Section 1: Regular meetings of this chapter shall be monthly. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser.

Section 2: Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings or notify adviser(s) of a planned absence or conflict at least two (2) days in advance.

## ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Iroquois National Honor Society chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2: If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (94.0 or higher), he/she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subjected to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3: Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to, DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

Section 4: Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 5: Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the faculty council.

Section 6: In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive **written notification** from the adviser(s) and principal indicating the reason for the consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member has the **right** to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a **hearing** before the advisor(s) prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the adviser(s) will then vote on whether to dismiss.
- c. The results of the decision will be presented to the principal for review, and then a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser(s).
- d. The adviser(s) decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.
- e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 7: In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose a warning letter upon a member as deemed appropriate.

**ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW**

Section 1: These bylaws will be **approved** upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five (5) years from the date of approval noted on this document.

**ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one (1) month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles IV, V, and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.

*Approved on* 5/31/2022

**Signatures:**

Chapter President

Melanie White

Chapter Secretary

Elva Callahan

Advisers

Shirley [Signature]

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Principal

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