



National Honor Society Chapter Bylaws

Bishop High School 2024-2025

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Bishop High School 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 Bishop High School.

Section 3. The NHS, Bishop High School Chapter shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP).

ARTICLE II

THE 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, who may serve consecutive terms.

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 a 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 report to the national office.

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with National Honor 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 faculty members. Faculty council members will remain anonymous to all except principal and chapter advisor.

Section 2. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. 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 in the Bishop High School Chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Section 2. New members shall be inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 3. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his or her membership and will be signed by the principal or chapter advisor.

Section 5. A student who is an active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school from another will automatically be 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 in order to retain his or her membership.

ARTICLE VI SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the sophomore, junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at Bishop High School the equivalent of two semesters.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 90 (including 89.5). Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character. Candidates that have been found in flagrant violation of Bishop CISD Student Code of Conduct or civic laws within the induction academic year will not be considered for membership in this chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 3. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the National Honor Society Application for further consideration for selection.

Section 4. The faculty of Bishop High School shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form outlined according to a predetermined rubric.

Section 5. The faculty council shall review the application and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership. The selection of members to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council. All members approved by faculty council will have their cumulative GPA reviewed to verify eligibility.

ARTICLE VII DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

Section 2. Members who fall below the NHS standards that were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect of a minimum cumulative GPA of 90 (including 89.5), he or she will be given a written warning and a time period (generally of one marking period) for improvement.

Section 3. 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 dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4. Members who fail 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.

Section 5. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 6. NHS members will be held accountable for their behavior and will be subject to the disciplinary consequences and NHS member eligibility outlined in the Bishop CISD Student Code of Conduct and the Bishop NHS Bylaws.

Section 7. Any violation or misconduct of the Bishop CISD Student Code of Conduct or the Bishop NHS bylaws will result in an immediate case review by the faculty council, principal and chapter advisor.

Section 8. All incidents of violation or misconduct of the Bishop CISD Student Code of Conduct or Bishop NHS bylaws must be reported to the chapter advisor with 2 school days or 48 hours.

Section 9. NHS member misconduct will be reviewed on a case by case basis. If the violation(s) require removal from the regular school setting including but not limited to: ISS, DAEP or suspension, the faculty council, principal, and chapter advisor may revoke the student's NHS membership.

ARTICLE VIII CHAPTER OFFICERS

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

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the previous school year; any positions not filled at that meeting may be filled after the induction of new members in the fall. 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. The following duties should reflect the responsibilities developed for officers in the local chapter:

Section 4. The president shall meet with the NHS advisor to plan meetings, chair all meetings, make, copy, and distribute the agenda to all members, coordinate with the executive committee, and liaison to BHS administration and shall maintain order during meetings

Section 5. The vice president shall assist the president, chair all meetings that the president is unable to attend, assist the secretary, and oversee attendance. Other duties include but are not limited to notifying all NHS members or entire school to any or all NHS events, meetings, or obligations; shall use any or all methods deemed necessary (school announcements, fliers, notes, newspaper, radio, etc.) and take pictures.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings for a record of all business, which entail attendance, motions, topics, speakers, decisions, and actions.

Section 7. The treasurer shall oversee all fundraising activities, keep an accurate account of all monetary movement, and develop a semi-precise budget to be voted on no later than the last meeting of October of each school year.

ARTICLE IX EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter. 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. There shall be regularly scheduled meetings during the school year on the first Thursday after the 7th day of each month as designated by the executive committee.

Section 2. Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called by the president.

ARTICLE XI DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$25.00.

Section 2. Dues will be payable to the chapter advisor within the first semester of membership.

ARTICLE XII ACTIVITIES

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

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these group 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 faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in a service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter group projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE XIII POWERS

Section 1. The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 2. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3. These bylaws are designed to amplify provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the national constitution in all activities it undertakes.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the chapter by a majority vote. The exceptions are Articles VI and VII (selection and discipline), which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.

Section 2. Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Honor Society.