

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name The name of this organization shall be the Florence M. Gaudineer Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

Section 2: Purpose The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, develop character, and encourage good citizenship in the students of Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Eligibility Membership is open to students in Grades 7 and 8 who have attended Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School for at least one semester and who meet the required standards of scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship.

Section 2: GPA Requirement Candidates must have a cumulative unweighted average of **96% or higher** at the time of selection. This average must be maintained throughout membership. Any member whose average falls below the required standard will be given one grading period to bring it back up to the required level. Failure to do so may result in probation or dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3: Selection Process The selection of members shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. Candidates will be notified of selection, and new members will be inducted at a special ceremony. Students may appeal the Faculty Council's decision with proper documentation, and a revote may be conducted; however, all decisions made after the appeal are final.

Section 4: Transfer Membership A student who transfers to Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School and provides a letter from their previous principal or chapter adviser(s) will be accepted automatically as a member, provided they meet this chapter's standards within one semester.

Section 5: Resignation and Dismissal Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE III: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1: Disciplinary Action Members who fall below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or citizenship will receive a written warning and a reasonable time period to correct the deficiency.

Section 2: Dismissal In cases of flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member may be dismissed without a warning. A member has the right to a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to dismissal.

Section 3: Appeals A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to the Principal. The Principal's decision shall be final.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Officer Positions The officers of this chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Section 2: Duties of Officers

- **President:** Presides over meetings, represents the chapter, and coordinates chapter activities.
- **Vice President:** Assists the President and presides in their absence.
- **Secretary:** Maintains minutes of meetings, attendance records, and correspondence.
- **Treasurer:** Manages chapter funds and financial transactions.

Section 3: Election Procedures Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the active members at the end of each school year. Newly elected officers will be installed during a special ceremony.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Composition and Authority The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the Chapter Adviser(s). It shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter.

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities The Executive Committee shall organize activities, make recommendations to the chapter, and ensure that chapter procedures follow school policy and regulations.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular Meetings Regular meetings will be held once a month, as determined by the Executive Committee and in accordance with school policy.

Section 2: Special Meetings Special meetings may be called by the President with approval from the Adviser(s).

Section 3: Quorum A quorum shall consist of a majority of the active members.

ARTICLE VII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1: Chapter Service Projects The chapter shall organize one or more service projects each year that fulfill a need within the school or community with approval from the Adviser(s).

Section 2: Individual Service Requirements Each member is required to participate in an individual service project that reflects their particular talents and interests with approval from the Adviser(s).

ARTICLE VIII: FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1: Composition The Faculty Council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the Principal. The Chapter Adviser(s) shall serve as a non-voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2: Role and Responsibilities The Faculty Council is responsible for selecting members, reviewing disciplinary cases, and developing procedures for membership selection, discipline, and dismissal.

Section 3: Meetings The Faculty Council shall meet at least once per year to review the procedures of the chapter, select members, and address disciplinary matters.

Section 4: Confidentiality All deliberations and votes by the Faculty Council are confidential and should be conducted professionally, free from speculation, rumor, or hearsay.

ARTICLE IX: PRINCIPAL AND ADVISER(S)

Section 1: Principal's Authority The Principal shall have the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter, including the selection and dismissal of members.

Section 2: Adviser(s) Role The Chapter Adviser(s) shall be a faculty member(s) appointed by the Principal and Springfield Board of Education Members. The Adviser(s) oversees day-to-day chapter activities, maintains membership records, and ensures that all meetings and procedures comply with NJHS policies.

ARTICLE X: DUES

Section 1: Annual Dues Annual dues shall not exceed \$20 per member and shall be determined by the Executive Committee with approval from the chapter adviser(s) and school principal.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendment Procedures These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter membership, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the Faculty Council and Adviser(s) and presented to the membership at least one meeting prior to the vote.

Section 2: Consistency All amendments must be consistent with the NJHS National Constitution and the policies of the NJHS Handbook.