

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP HONOR SOCIETY

CHAPTER BYLAWS

Article I

Name

The name of the local chapter shall be the Southampton Township Chapter of the Southampton Honor Society.

Article II

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1: To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the seventh or eighth grade class. Candidates must have been in attendance at Southampton Township School #3 the equivalent of two marking periods. Newly chosen seventh and eighth grade students will begin their terms immediately following selection.

Section 2: Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 on 4.0 scale with no “unsatisfactory” grades in conduct.

Section 3: Candidates will be notified of eligibility via a letter. The candidate must complete a student information sheet and a returned signed statement that he/she and his/her parents have read and understand the selection process.

Section 4: Failure of a candidate to turn in a student information sheet and a signed selection process statement by the specified date will constitute non-interest and the candidate will not be considered for membership during that selection cycle. This will be verified via contact with the parent(s).

- **Section 5:** Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of leadership and character using a rating scale questionnaire to be filled out by the candidate's present teachers. Successful candidates must earn a combined average of 85% of all possible points. Candidates will complete an application listing participation in all their activities and service work. Seventh grade candidates must meet a 3 activity point minimum and eighth grade candidates must meet a 5 activity point minimum.

Section 6: Failure of a student to obtain a combined average of 85% of all possible points on the character and leadership rating scale questionnaire will be taken under faculty council review. Failure of a 7th grade candidate to meet the 3 activity point minimum or of an 8th grade candidate to meet the 5 activity point minimum will

be taken under faculty council review. Failure of a candidate to receive a positive citizenship rating will be taken under faculty council review. If extenuating circumstances exist, a majority note of the faculty council will override deficiency.

Section 7: The decision of non-selection by the faculty council may be appealed to the principal. The principal shall only overturn the decision of the faculty council based on extenuating circumstances or determination of a procedural flaw in the selection process. The decision of the principal shall be final.

Section 8: A grade point average of 3.75; an acceptable score on the character, leadership, service, and citizenship scale; a completed student information sheet; and a signed selection statement from a student and parent will mean that the candidate will be recommended to the faculty council for consideration for membership in the local chapter.

Section 9: Candidates and parents will be notified by letter of selection or non-selection.

Article III

Non-Selection

As stated in **Section 6 and Section 7, Selection of Members**, parents may appeal the decision of the faculty review council to the principal after speaking to the Southampton Honor Society Advisor. The school district will share with parents and students information concerning non-selection of that specific student.

The principal should listen to challenges from students not selected or from parents of such students. It is permissible for the principal to overturn the decision of the faculty review council if a procedural mistake has been made. This might include: inadvertently leaving a student off the qualified list, erroneously averaging grades, or the like. The principal may reconvene the faculty council at his / her discretion as a part of the appeal process.

Parents and students must understand that no student has a right to be selected for membership in a charter of the Southampton Honor Society, and that the faculty council is entrusted with making selection decisions. Reconsideration of a faculty council's decision is therefore a rare occurrence. It is important to uphold the integrity of society standards and to recognize the potential danger of yielding to pressure tactics.

Article IV

Dismissal

Section 1: Members who fall below a 3.5 grade point average will be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor.

Section 2: One marking period will be allotted to a student to raise his/her grade point average to the appropriate level if it falls below a 3.5.

Section 3: A notice of warning shall be given to the student and parent for any disciplinary problems (i.e. detentions, suspensions). In cases of flagrant violations of school or civil law a member may not be warned before being removed. Violations of academic dishonesty, cheating, and plagiarism will result in removal from the Southampton Honor Society.

Section 4: The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 5: In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have the right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 6: A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision to the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the district.

Section 7: Members who are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Article V

Induction

Induction of new members into the Southampton Honor Society is an important event for the student, the chapter, and the school. The ceremony, whether public or private, provides an excellent opportunity to dramatize the purposes of the chapter. Because membership in the Southampton Honor Society represents high levels of achievement, the induction should reflect high standards.

Section 1: Induction ceremonies shall be held on or before April 30th of the school year.

Section 2: The ceremony shall be open to friends and relatives of inductees.

Section 3: All school officials, school board, and faculty members shall be invited.

Section 4: The induction ceremony shall be dignified and reflect the high levels of achievement obtained by the students.

Article VI

Chapter Officers

Section 1: The chapter officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Historian.

Section 2: Elections will be held at the first meeting of the school year.

Section 3: A simple majority of votes shall be necessary to elect any chapter officer.

Section 4: New officers will be installed at a special ceremony held during the same meeting.

Article VII

Executive Committee

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

Section 2: The duty of the president shall be to preside over all society activities. ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER shall serve as the appropriate reference in conducting all meetings.

Section 3: The duty of the vice president shall be to assist the president and take the place of a president if he/she cannot be present.

Section 4: The duties of the secretary shall be to call role, take minutes of all meetings and handle all correspondence.

Section 5: The duties of the historian shall be to document service projects utilizing media and photography and assist the president, vice president, and secretary if any of them are not present.

Article VIII

Meetings

Section 1: The Southampton Honor Society shall meet monthly.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called with the approval of the advisor.

Section 3: All members are required to attend all meetings.

Article IX

Activities

Section 1: The Southampton Chapter of the Southampton Honor Society will have a least one major service project per year.

Section 2: All members shall regularly participate in this project.

Article X

Bylaws may be amended by 2/3 vote of the members and faculty council.