

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 induction.

Section 2: Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 on 4.0 scale. To uphold the integrity and values of the Honor Society, students must also demonstrate exemplary character and behavior. Therefore, any student who has received a disciplinary referral resulting in administrative action during the previous school year is ineligible for Honor Society membership or induction for the current academic year. This includes, but is not limited to, referrals for behavior that violates the school's code of conduct, academic dishonesty, or repeated classroom disruptions.

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

Section 5: Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of citizenship, leadership and character with scores coming from the following areas:

1. Completed Student Information Sheet - Each item listed and verified in sections a-d, up to five activities; awards; or positions per category, will contribute to the final point score. Section e will be scored according to the provided rubric, with a maximum of 3 points for each item.
 - a. Co-curricular Activities
 - b. Leadership Positions
 - c. Community Activities
 - d. Recognition and Awards
 - e. Service Ideas
2. Leadership and Character Survey - a questionnaire to be filled out by the candidate's previous year's teachers. Each student will have the

same number of scored questionnaires. Each candidate will be given an average score from all teacher questionnaires submitted.

Candidates must earn a combined average of 85% of all possible points to be considered by the faculty council for induction.

Section 6: The faculty council will approve the candidates for induction after a review of all collected data and scores with a majority vote. If extenuating circumstances exist, a majority vote of the faculty council will override deficiency in the required points for induction.

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

Article III: Non-Selection

As stated in 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: Members who fall below the standards which are the basis for their Selection, or fail to fulfill the requirements outlined in the Honor Society Student Contract shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisors and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned. Any disciplinary action that leads to a suspension will automatically result in removal from the Southampton Honor Society. Violations of academic dishonesty, cheating, and plagiarism will result in removal from the Southampton Honor Society.

Section 4: After two warnings a member will be put on probation. This probation will be one month in length and the member will be expected to have zero infractions while on probation. Any infractions that occur while a member is on probation will result in immediate dismissal. A member can only be placed on probation one time in a school year. If a second probation is warranted the member will be dismissed.

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 October 31st 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 last meeting of the school year and those elected will serve for the entirety of the following school year.

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

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. The vice president will be responsible to monitor the weekly check in posts for proper attendance of members as per the Honor Society Student Contract.

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, create flyers for all events and fundraising, as well as 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 advisors.

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 at least one major service project per year.

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

Article X: Changes

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

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