

Constitution of the Yorktown High School National Honor Society

Article I Names and Purpose	
Section 1	The name of this organization shall be the Yorktown High School 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 secondary schools.
Section 3	<p>The Yorktown High School National Honor Society shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).</p> <p>Address:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NASSP 1904 Association Drive Reston, VA 22091</p>

Article II The National Council	
Section 1	The control of this organization shall be vested in the National Council.
Section 2	The National Council shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Directors of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The executive director of NASSP shall be ex-official of the National Council and shall serve as treasurer of National Honor Society. The director of NASSP's Division of Student Activities shall serve as secretary of the National Council.
Section 3	The seven members shall be appointed for a three-year term.
Section 4	Four members shall constitute a quorum of the National Council.

Article III Yorktown High School Chapter	
Section 1	Yorktown High School is accredited and approved by the New York State Department of Education and is a charter member of the National Honor Society (Charter #002822).
Section 2	The Yorktown High School Chapter has paid the charter fee for the National Council.
Section 3	The annual individual member dues paid to the Yorktown High School Chapter is ten dollars.
Section 4	This duly chartered Yorktown High School Chapter shall conform to this Constitution as set forth by the National Council. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the charter.

Article IV The Principal	
Section 1	The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of this Chapter.
Section 2	The principal shall annually appoint a Chapter adviser, who may serve consecutive terms.
Section 3	The principal shall be a part of Yorktown School District appeal for non-selection or dismissal cases.

Article V The Chapter Adviser	
Section 1	The Chapter adviser shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the Chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.
Section 2	The Chapter adviser shall maintain files on membership, Chapter history, activities and financial transactions. The Chapter adviser shall send the annual activity report to the national office.
Section 3	The Chapter adviser shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.
Section 4	The Chapter adviser shall help the Chapter officers understand and carryout their duties.

Article IV Faculty Council	
Section 1	The faculty council shall consist of <u>five voting faculty members</u> appointed annually by the principal. No principal or assistant principal may be included on the faculty council.
Section 2	The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.
Section 3	The Chapter adviser shall be an ex-official, non-voting sixth member of the faculty council.
Section 4	The faculty council shall meet at least twice a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection and warning cases.

Action VII Membership	
Section 1	Membership in the Yorktown High School Chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, <u>character</u> , <u>leadership</u> , and <u>service</u> .
Section 2	Membership shall be known as active and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no voice or vote in Chapter affairs.
Section 3	The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, National Honor Society advisers, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Honor Society.
Section 4	Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.
Section 5	Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program.
Section 6	A National Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or Chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's Chapter. Transfer members must meet the new Chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.
Section 7	Members, who resign or are dismissed, are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Article VIII Selection of Members	
Section 1	To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior classes. Candidates must have been in attendance at Yorktown High School the equivalent of one semester. Some candidates may be ineligible for induction because of the semester ruling. May students, including students of military parents, are required to move with parents or guardians that have transferred in their work. The present Yorktown High School principal should seek a recommendation from the previous school principal pursuant to the candidate's selection. Based on the recommendation of the previous principal, the faculty council may waive the semester regulation.
Section 2	Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at <u>least</u> 3.3 on a weighted GPA. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership and character.
Section 3	The selection of each member to the Yorktown High School Chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council. This is after the council's viewing of the entire faculty's evaluation sheets and candidates' disciplinary files, scholastic transcripts and attendance records.
Section 4	This selection procedure is consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society. All students having met the scholarship standard of at least 3.3 GPA will be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership and character by the faculty of Yorktown High School. The faculty council will review each student's evaluation and each student will be admitted by a majority vote of the faculty council.
Section 5	The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to local Chapters.

Article IX Dismissal	
Section 1	The faculty council will determine dismissal of members. A written description of the dismissal shall be available to interested parties.
Section 2	Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be warned in writing by the Chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct deficiency. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Article IX Dismissal (Continued)	
Section 3	The faculty council shall determine that a probation period of one quarter is a reasonable warning period for academic probation. Disciplinary probation periods shall be determined by the faculty council.
Section 4	In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.
Section 5	A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council to the principal. The principal has the right to make the final decision.
Section 6	The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in the dismissal cases.

Article X Chapter Officers	
Section 1	<p>The officers of the Yorktown High School Chapter and their duties are as follows:</p> <p><u>Co-Presidents:</u> Organize meetings, preside at meetings, develop special service projects, and are responsible for coordinating the National Honor Society/Student Senate Scholar Night and the Induction Ceremony Program.</p> <p><u>Secretary:</u> Responsible for notifying members of meetings, coordinating tutoring program, notifying tutors, and those to be tutored. Responsible for all minutes of the NHS Meetings.</p> <p><u>Treasurer:</u> Responsible for collecting dues (ten dollars) and for developing one fund raiser. Responsible for keeping accurate financial records.</p> <p><u>Public Relations:</u> Responsible for monthly National Honor Society bulletin board, writing press releases and notifying members of meetings.</p>
Section 2	A majority of the votes cast by the Yorktown High School/National Honor Society membership shall be necessary to elect any officer. Nominations shall be accepted from the Yorktown High School/National Honor Society membership.

Section 3	New officers shall be installed at the annual induction ceremony.
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Article XII Meetings	
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Section 1	The Yorktown High School Chapter shall have at least monthly meetings during the school year to be held the first Thursday of the month. Members cannot miss more than two meetings or a dismissal hearing will be called.
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Section 2	Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called by the president.
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Section 3	Chapters shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.
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Article XIII Activities	
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Section 1	<p>All Yorktown High School Chapter members shall participate in the following service projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorktown High School/National Honor Society Tutoring Project: Each member shall be required to tutor at least ten sessions or will assist in administrative duties in a supervised setting in the high school. • Fund Raiser: Each member shall be required to participate in at least one fund raising event per year as designed by the National Honor Society Treasurer. • National Honor Society Scholars Night: Each member shall participate in helping to organize and carryout this ceremony. • National Honor Society Induction Ceremony: Each member shall be required to participate in the organization, planning and execution of the Induction Ceremony and Reception.
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Section 2	The Yorktown High School Chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner. This falls within the duties of the public relations officer.
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Article XIV
Yorktown High School/National Honor Society Chapter Bylaws

Section 1	Eligibility: All Yorktown High School Juniors and Seniors with a weighted GPA of 3.3 may be considered for membership. All eligible students shall be notified by the Chapter adviser.
Section 2	Selection Process: All GPA's shall be computed by the Chapter adviser and registrar after the second marking period of the Junior year and after the first marking period of the Senior year. The students then shall be evaluated on character, service, and leadership by the Yorktown High School faculty council. All eligible students must complete an activity sheet and submit it to the Chapter adviser to be viewed by the faculty council. All eligible students shall submit two recommendations from service advisors indicating volunteer services. All eligible students must submit documentation showing 20 hours of community service.
Section 3	Ineligibility: Any student who does not have a weighted GPA of at least 3.3 is ineligible. Any student who does not exhibit exemplary character shall be ineligible. Students who have been caught cheating and flagrantly violating school rules shall be ineligible. Faculty Council determines seriousness of infraction. The National Honor Society exemplifies the qualities of honor and character.
Section 4	Meeting and Service Project: All National Honor Society/Yorktown High School meetings are mandatory. Flagrant absences shall result in dismissal. All service projects are mandatory. Members are required to be active participants in the National Honor Society. No more than two meetings may be missed. If more than two meetings are missed, dismissal review shall be called.