

Ethan School National Honor Society

Article XVI: “Chapter By Laws”

We, the members of the National Honor Society (NHS), recognize our responsibility to uphold the highest standards, as we are looked upon as leaders of our student body. We understand commitment is essential to a successful organization and are dedicated to the Ethan School standards as well as the following NHS articles:

Article I – Inductions

- A. Induction Grade Point Average (GPA) for acceptance in the NHS is at least 3.25.
- B. Potential inductees must return their induction packet on the date specified.
- C. Any potential sophomore or junior inductee who is not selected to the NHS may reapply the following year for consideration.

Article II – Dues

- A. All members will pay no more than \$10.00 in yearly dues.

Article III – Elections

- A. The EHS NHS will have at least the following officers:
President, V. President, Secretary-Treasurer.
- B. Any NHS member that desires to run for an office must submit their name and the office position they are running for to the advisor by a prior set date. The aspiring officers will have an opportunity to write short campaign letters if so desired. All members will have the opportunity to view the campaign letters prior to voting.
- C. All members are required to vote.
- D. In case of a tie a special called meeting will take place at which time candidates may be asked questions followed by a revote. (If there is still a tie, the current officers will select the candidate they believe is best for the job.)
- E. Elections may be conducted at either the beginning of the school year (August) or near the end of the school year (May).

Article IV – Meetings

- A. Meetings: (A suitable time when students and Adviser are mutually available).
- B. Additional meeting times may be needed as projects and needs develop.
- C. Members are expected to attend regular meetings. [If a student is aware of an absence they must inform the Advisor in advance. One unexcused absence will result in a written warning. Thereafter, unexcused absences will result in extra service time, added to the requirements.]
- D. No member can accumulate more than three unexcused absences in one year. Written notification will be given on a member’s third absence. A fourth unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the EHS NHS chapter. An absence will be defined as: “arriving 15 or more minutes after the start time of a meeting, or not present at all.”
- E. Being tardy for a meeting will result in an extra half hour of service added to the requirement. A tardy is defined as: “arriving after five minutes, but less than 15 minutes, into the meeting.”

Article V – Academics

- A. If a member falls below the accepted **GPA (3.25)** they will be placed on academic probation and given one semester to restore their GPA to a **3.25** or higher. Written notification of the academic probation and the possible consequences will be given. A copy will be placed in the member’s file.
- B. If a member fails to restore their GPA to the **3.25** minimum after one semester on probation, the member will be dismissed from the NHS.
- C. If a member falls below the accepted GPA of **3.25** for a second time, they will be dismissed from the NHS.

Article VI – Services & Fundraising

- A. Each member must complete a **minimum of 10 hours** to the community during the school year.
- B. When the NHS engages in a fundraising activity all members will be expected to participate with equivalent hours of time invested to such function.
- C. If the expected time of serving has not been completed then there will be penalties to the extent as follows:
 - 1) Seniors may not receive awards publicly nor wear the NHS designated apparel, at graduation.
 - 2) Juniors will be placed on probation for the next year and will be required to make up the missed hours next year plus five additional hours. These are to be made up within the first semester, if not completed the student will be dismissed from NHS.

Article VII – Discipline

- A. All students are expected to abide by the EHS Student Handbook in rule and conduct.
- B. A disciplinary infraction is (but not limited to) any behavior or action that may bring into question the reputation of the member’s character, EHS or NHS.
- C. If a member commits a disciplinary infraction, they will be placed on probation for a year and written notification will be given. A copy will be placed in the member’s file.
- D. A second disciplinary infraction will result in the member’s possible dismissal from the NHS or appropriate disciplinary action.
- E. Any member who is removed, or voluntarily quits the NHS, will not be allowed to rejoin.

Article VIII – Changes to Chapter By-Laws

- A. Changes may be initiated by either the NHS Chapter, Faculty Council or Admin.
- B. Approval and adoption will always be finalized by Administration & Faculty Council.

I, _____, being a member of the Ethan High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, have read and fully understand this constitution and agree to abide by it in its entirety.

Signature: _____

Date: _____