

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Brookeland High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Brookeland High School.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty, and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 2: Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for the equivalent of one semester at Brookeland High School.
- c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum weighted, cumulative GPA of 90%.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE III: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Candidate Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. Candidates shall obtain one letter of recommendation demonstrating the candidate's service, leadership and character.
- d. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.

Section 3. The selection of new, active members shall be held once a year after the first 6-week grading period.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership and signed by the Chapter Adviser.

Section 6. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1. Any member who fall below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Brookeland chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in served and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected, he/she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the students will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council that may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absence, excessive tardiness, etc) will receive written warning notification. A conference may requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct, the member may be dismissed.

Section 4. Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include but are not limited to, DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs at school or school related activities.

Section 5. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser/Faculty Council. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without written warning although a hearing must still be held (see below).
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him/her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or in writing. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be reviewed by the principal, and then if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents, and principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed under the same rules for disciplinary appeals with the school district.
- e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 6. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a members ad deemed appropriate.

Chapter Offices

1. The officers of the chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members in good standing are eligible for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.
3. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer to this chapter.
4. It shall the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter.
5. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.
6. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence.
7. The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Membership

1. Membership in the Brookeland High School National Honor Society is a special honor bestowed upon a student.
2. Members MUST maintain the standards of the chapter and the national organization or risk permanent dismissal from the NHS.
3. Members are required to
 - a. Participate in regularly scheduled meetings, missing no more than two per school year
 - b. Participate in a least one chapter activity per semester.
 - c. Vote for chapter officers during the first regularly scheduled meeting of the school year
 - d. Pay annual dues of ten dollars to be used for chapter projects (payable at the beginning of each school year).

The Chapter Adviser

1. The principal shall appoint at least one faculty member to serve as Chapter Advisor
2. The Chapter Adviser will be responsible for:
 - a. The direct supervision of the chapter
 - b. Acting as liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.
 - c. Maintaining files of membership, chapter history, activities, and financial records
 - d. Regularly reviewing chapter members for compliance with NHS standards and obligation
 - e. Sending the annual report to the national office
 - f. Any other duties delineated in the national constitution.