



Chapter Bylaws of the
Tiger Chapter of the
National Junior Honor Society
Adopted: 2018

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Tiger Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of Hardin Middle School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for outstanding academic performance, to stimulate a desire to provide service to the school and community, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in students of Hardin Middle School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NJHS. See www.njhs.us/constitutions. In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: This chapter will remain an active member of the state association by paying annual dues and participating in state functions when possible.

Section 3. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 4: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 5: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NJHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members

ARTICLE IV: 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, character, and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.



Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. Eligibility for Nomination:

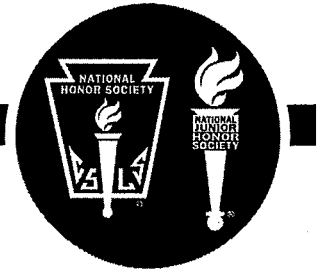
- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be in the second semester of the seventh grade class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Hardin Middle School.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 4. Qualifications- Students selected for membership of the Tiger Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society must meet the following requirements:

- a. Scholarship- Students must have attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or higher. This includes all classes attempted.
- b. Leadership- Students must exhibit characteristics of leadership exemplified by the following statement:

The student who exercises leadership:

- i. Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
 - ii. Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
 - iii. Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
 - iv. Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
 - v. Is able to delegate responsibilities.
 - vi. Exemplifies positive attitudes.
 - vii. Inspires positive behavior in others.
 - viii. Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducts business efficiently and effectively, and is reliable and dependable without prodding.
 - ix. Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in school activities.
 - x. Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.
- c. Service- Students must exhibit characteristics of service exemplified by the following statements:



The student who serves:

- i. Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
- ii. Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged, YMCA help, tutoring, etc.
- iii. Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- iv. Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- v. Carefully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- vi. Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
- vii. Does committee and staff work uncomplainingly.
- viii. Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

- d. Character- Students must exhibit characteristics of character exemplified by the following statements:

The student of character:

- I. Take criticism willingly and accepts recommendations gracefully.
- II. Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability).
- III. Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- IV. Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- V. Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- VI. Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- VII. Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside of the classroom. Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
- VIII. Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit from the mistakes of others. Actively helps to rid the school of bad influences or environment.
- IX. Avoids receiving disciplinary actions such as detention, in-school, or out-of-school suspensions because of inappropriate behavior.

- e. Citizenship- Students must exhibit characteristics of citizenship exemplified by the following statements:

The student who demonstrates citizenship:



- I. Understands the importance of civic involvement.
- II. Has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect of the American form of government
- III. Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

Section 5: Continuing Membership- Students selected into the Tiger Chapter of NJHS must continue to:

- a. Maintain at a least a 3.8 GPA for each grading period
- b. Members must attend all regularly scheduled meetings unless excused by a Chapter Adviser prior to the meeting. Three unexcused absences will be cause for a dismissal review
- c. Members must participate in all chapter projects and must complete one individual project, approved by the Chapter Advisers each year.
- d. Character, Leadership, Service, and Citizenship Requirements-Members must maintain the same standards for continuing membership under which they qualified.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, nonvoting, *ex officio* member of the faculty council.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the student information form with essay for further consideration.
- c. Candidates should submit two letters of recommendation with the student information form.
- d. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, two letters of recommendation and other relevant information (5 pillars) to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

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

Section 5. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 6. An active member of the National Junior 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 VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected toward the beginning of each school year. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions. The president should call the meetings to order and keep the meetings on-task and focused

Section 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.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8. Officers and the faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.



ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be biweekly.

Section 2. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser and 48 hours notice.

Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5. The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, or citizenship may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Tiger Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing (3.8 or higher) and take an active role in service 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 (3.8), he /she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period (a quarter) for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter.



Section 3. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, disrespect of staff, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 5. Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the faculty council.

Section 6. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive **written notification** from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member has the **right** to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a **hearing** before the faculty council prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, 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 presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.
- e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 7. In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW.

Section 1: These bylaws will be **approved** upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.



ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles V and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal (selection and discipline).

Approved on

Signatures/Names of the Chapter President, Secretary, Adviser, and Principal.

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