

National Honor Society Constitution Lenape Valley Regional High School

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Article I

Section 1. This chapter shall be known as the Lenape Valley Regional High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of this National Honor Society, duly signed by the national secretary. Our charter number is 5455.

Section 2. The objective 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 all students of Lenape Valley Regional High School.

Article II

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon service, leadership, character, and scholarship.

Section 2. Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.

Section 3. To be eligible for selection to this chapter, students must be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum scholarship average of 3.75 unrounded. This scholarship level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. The students' eligibility shall then be considered based on the additional requirements of leadership, character, and service.

Section 4. The following are obligations of all National Honor Society members at Lenape Valley Regional High School:

- a. Maintain a 3.75 GPA unrounded.
- b. Display character, leadership and service. Character Counts (CC!) defines character using six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
- c. Participate fully in all NHS group projects and fundraisers.
- d. Complete a personal service project approved by the advisor by February 28th of senior year.
- e. Obtain approval for the personal project by the advisor by June 1st of the previous year.
- f. In the case of senior inductees, the personal service project must be approved

and completed by June 1st of senior year.

g. Participate in the NHS tutoring and ushering programs.

Section 5. Failure to comply with the above obligations of membership will result in a warning letter from the advisor and reasonable amount of time to correct the offending action. Continued failure to comply will result in a disciplinary hearing before the Faculty Council. These standards will be applied fairly and consistently.

Article III

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter of the National Honor Society shall be by a chapter council, called the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council shall consist of the members of the faculty, but only five will serve as voting members each year. Candidates shall be selected for membership by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Any faculty member who does not wish to be on the Faculty Council must indicate in writing.

Section 3. Any NHS member who falls below the academic standards (3.75 GPA), which were the basis of selection, shall be promptly warned in writing. If during the next regular marking period of the school year, the member fails to improve his GPA, his case shall be brought before the Faculty Council for probationary status. If at the end of the second marking period the member fails to meet academic standards used as the basis for his/her selection, his case shall be brought before the Faculty Council and a majority vote of the Faculty Council shall dismiss the member from the National Honor Society for failure to uphold the minimum academic standards.

Section 4. A student found to be in violation of the Lenape Valley Honor Policy shall be dismissed from membership in the NHS by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.

Section 5. When a member is dismissed from the NHS, he must be notified in writing and his emblem and membership card returned to the advisor or principal. Notice of dismissal must be indicated on the annual report submitted to the national secretary at the end of the school year.

Section 6. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from Lenape Valley Regional High School will be given a letter, when requested by the member, indicating status of his membership and signed by the principal.

Section 7. An active member of the NHS who transfers to Lenape Valley Regional High School will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The transfer student must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his membership.

Article IV

Section 1. The officers of the LVR chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian and sergeant at arms.

Section 2. Among the candidates for a chapter office, whichever candidate holds the most votes shall be considered to be elected to that position.

- a. In the event of a tie, there will be a run-off between the top two vote getters. In an election where there is a tie with only two candidates, the executive committee will determine the winner.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of this chapter.

Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president, and will serve as Fundraising Chairperson.

Section 5. The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, maintain a record of all business, perform all correspondence for the chapter, and keep a record of all chapter files.

Section 6. The treasurer shall receive and disburse funds of the chapter and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations. The treasurer shall also collect dues from all members.

Section 7. The historian shall keep the NHS ledger and scrapbook up to date and shall be in charge of the NHS bulletin board, publicity for the NHS, and alumni records.

Section 8. Sergeant at arms shall keep order at all meetings.

Article V

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the Executive Committee may be subject to the review of the advisor, principal and the chapter members.

Article VI

Section 1. The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the advisor and the principal.

Section 2. The officers of the chapter will be elected at a special meeting consisting of the newly inducted members.

Section 3. Any member wishing to stand for office must submit his/her name to the advisor prior to the election meeting.

Section 4. The president may call special meetings, approved by the executive committee.

Section 5. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the advisor.

Section 6. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order revised in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

Article VII

Section 1. Meetings will be held once a month as scheduled.

Section 2. Members who have more than 2 unexcused absences will be issued a warning by the advisor and after the next offense, shall be brought before the Faculty Council. The advisor will determine all excused and unexcused absences.

Article VIII

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of secondary schools.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem. (See article III, section 5)

Section 3. Each member agrees that the title to the emblem shall rest with the chapter to which he is a member. The Faculty Council can, by majority vote, request that any member return his emblem. Furthermore, each member agrees that his acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the emblem.

Section 4. All insignia must be procured from the national secretary of the NHS, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia, 22091. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

Article IX

Section 1. The annual dues shall be \$10.00 per member.

Article X

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the chapter's executive committee.

*Our chapter of NHS 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.