

# National Honor Society

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## ARTICLE I

### *Name & Purpose*

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Flint River Academy 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 Flint River Academy.

## ARTICLE II

### *Membership*

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate and honorary members have no vote in chapter affairs.

Section 2. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for election 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 at least one semester at Flint River Academy.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 90 or above. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, 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(s) shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-officio member(s) 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 Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser(s).
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership.

Section 3. The selection of new, active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.

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 Principal or 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 with verification from the previous chapter. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements of this chapter and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### *Dismissal*

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Flint River Academy 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 service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the 90 grade point average standard, he/she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council that may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3. Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to, DUI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.

Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code such as profanity, unexcused absence, excessive tardiness or any other action calling for an office referral, ISSC, or suspension will receive a written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either the Faculty Council or student/parent. If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be dismissed.

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. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held.

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 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 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 to the building principal and afterwards through the school district discipline policy.

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 member as deemed appropriate.

## ARTICLE V

### *Obligations of Members & Attendance*

#### Section 1. Dues:

- a. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$20.00.
- b. Dues will be payable to the chapter treasurer or adviser(s) within 30 days of induction.

#### Section 2. Meetings

- a. Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly. The executive committee will meet prior to the general meeting. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the advisor.
- b. All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly-scheduled meetings.

#### Section 3. Activity

- a. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.
- b. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

## ARTICLE VI

### *Officers*

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

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the school year. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3. 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 monthly chapter meetings and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section 5. The vice president will stand in for the president when necessary, attend all meetings, keep record of member attendance at meetings and service activities, and recruit and organize members for service activities.

Section 6. The secretary will keep the meeting minutes and attendance records for all meetings and be responsible for a calendar of events, upcoming volunteer opportunities, members' current point totals, and will attend all committee meetings.

Section 7. The treasurer will help collect and record dues and fundraising monies, will shop for and purchase supplies for chapter service activities, and will attend all committee meetings.

Section 8. If officers are removed from office, move, or are unable to complete the terms for which they had been elected, then a group composed of the remaining officers and the adviser(s) can appoint other members to fill those vacancies until the next election.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### *Emblem*

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

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

Section 3. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor cords.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### *Amendments*

Section 1. These by-laws 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 III and IV, which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Section 2. By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.

Approved on January 15, 2015

Head of School \_\_\_\_\_

Advisers \_\_\_\_\_