

TROUP HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS (Updated 5/2018)

- I. **PURPOSE** - The purpose of the THS NHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and develop character. Also, to be a positive instrument of change to the school and community as well as the promotion of our members in the area of leadership and academics through community service and participation in challenging events or activities that support and further instill the four pillars of the National Honor Society.

II. **FACULTY**

A. **Principal**

Approves activities and decisions, appoints faculty chapter adviser, appoints faculty council (5 members), and handles appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and disciplining or dismissal. In certain circumstances, the Assistant Principal can fulfill the principal duties.

B. **Chapter Adviser**

Directs day-to-day supervision of chapter, maintains files on membership, etc., regularly reviews members eligibility, helps officers carry out duties, non-voting 6th member of faculty council, and facilitates all meetings.

C. **Faculty Council**

Consist of 5 voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal and non-voting faculty adviser. FC member may not have a child eligible for initial membership. No principal or assistant principal may be included in FC. FC meets at least once a year to select members and consider non-selection, dismissal or other disciplinary actions and warning cases. FC may develop and revise all chapter procedures for selection, discipline and dismissal of members (within compliance of NHS policies). Parents or family members of eligible students can not be appointed for that school year. New council members will be appointed each year if possible.

III. **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student, and is selected by the FC. It is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. The FC can award honorary memberships to school officials, principals, teachers, THS advisers, other adults, students with disabilities or foreign exchange students in recognition of achievement and/or outstanding service rendered to the school. Individuals become members at the induction ceremony. Seniors are eligible to compete in the NHS scholarship program. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or benefits.

IV. **SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Must be incoming Juniors and Seniors.

Must be in attendance at Troup High School one full semester.

Must have an attendance rate of 90%.

Seniors of 2019, 2020, 2021 must have a minimum GPA of **3.0** on the THS weighted scale. Seniors of 2022 and following years, must have a GPA of **3.25** on the THS weighted scale.

Evaluated on the basis of service, leadership and character (see rubric).

Voted in by the majority of the FC.

Chapter adviser notifies principal first of FC selection prior to telling candidates.

Selection procedure shall be determined by the FC and be consistent with the rules and regulations of official NHS guidelines.

V. DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

The FC has to comply with official NHS rules and regulations to determine the procedure for dismissal. The FC must give a written description of dismissal procedure to interested parties.

Members who fall below the standards that were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. However, when it is a flagrant violation of the school rules or the law, the member does not have to be warned.

The FC determines when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Pending dismissal, the member has the right to due process (hearing).

FC majority vote is required for dismissal.

A dismissed member may appeal the decision of the FC to the principal or in certain cases, the Assistant Principal, and same rules for disciplinary appeals for the school district will be followed.

VI. CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers, their duties, and the method of their election will be determined by the members of the chapter, and approved by the FC and the principal as described in the bylaws.

THS will have a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer to be installed in a special ceremony.

Students must sign up and give a 1 minute speech to the chapter about why they would make a good officer. Only current juniors may run for office and only current juniors may vote for officer. The chapter votes by secret ballot for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer only. Officers are selected by majority vote and a quorum must be present. Officer elections will be held in the spring. Chapter officers maybe required to attend special meeting and trainings.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The EC consist of officers and chapter advisor.

The EC supervises general affairs of the chapter like business meetings, and makes recommendations for other duties. Chapter members have to review these recommendations.

The EC has the responsibility to ensure that all chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

VIII. MEETINGS

Meetings will be held once a month and are mandatory for all members. The chapter president or other designated student leaders can call special meetings approved by the EC. The meeting must be conducted according to ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of the chapter bylaws.

IX. **ACTIVITIES**

The Chapter determines one or more service projects for each year.

Members are required to participate in a chapter service project and at least one UIL academic activity. In addition to the chapter service project, each member has the responsibility of choosing and participating in an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests which must be approved by the Faculty Advisor. Projects have the following characteristics: Fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized and executed. Project details are at the discretion of the Chapter Adviser.