

BYLAWS FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY CHINA SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the China Spring Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of China Spring Middle School.

Section 2. The purpose of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and character, and to encourage citizenship in the students of China Spring Middle School.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship.

Section 2. The sponsors, with input from the faculty council, develop and revise, when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, disciplining, and dismissal of members. Selection is conducted by an anonymous committee made up of 5 teachers from China Spring Middle School.

Section 3. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 4. Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the seventh-grade class.
- b. To be eligible for consideration of membership in this chapter, the candidate must have attended China Spring Middle School for the equivalent of one full semester, must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 92.0% in core classes for their time of enrollment at China Spring Middle School, and maintain good citizenship. (For those transferring from a previous school, see Section 3 above). Core classes shall include grades in English, Social Studies, Math, and Science.
- c. Student will not be considered for membership if they have received any more than one day assignment to ISS or and DAEP placement. Students will also be subject to teacher reviews and any negative marks on their citizenship grade may be reviewed by the faculty council as cause for probation.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, citizenship, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, citizenship, and character. If a student believes they have met the requirements listed above and did not receive an invitation, the student may submit evidence of their eligibility to the campus advisor for review by the faculty council.

Section 5. Selection

- a. Seventh grade students who meet eligibility requirements above are invited to be considered for selection into the chapter.
- b. A candidate must complete and return the requested information before the deadline to be selected for membership in NJHS.
- c. Students are asked to submit a brief narrative describing why they would like to become an NJHS member and what benefits they would bring to the organization, a student information form, a form detailing their community and extracurricular activities, a signed code of ethics, and a signature page detailing their understanding of the requirements.
- d. The Faculty Council, consisting of the faculty advisor and five China Spring Middle School teachers shall review the candidates' letters and other forms in order to determine membership.
- e. The Faculty Council may also review information provided by the faculty and staff of China Spring Middle School to determine if the student meets the guidelines for membership including character, leadership, citizenship, scholarship, and service.
- f. All selections made by the Faculty Council are final.
- g. There will only be a spring induction ceremony and a candidate must be present at both the rehearsal and the induction to be selected for membership in the NJHS.

ARTICLE III: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Candidates are required to uphold all standards by which they were selected according to the NJHS By-Laws once they have been notified of qualifying for the National Junior Honor Society. Once inducted as full members, members must maintain the same standards by which they were selected.

Section 2: Each member of this chapter is required to attend all meetings and the Induction Ceremony. Meeting may be held once per six weeks. Additional meetings may be called based on the needs of specific committees on which various members may serve. If a student knows he/she cannot make the induction ceremony, he/she should contact the faculty advisor before the ceremony. Non-compliance may result in probation and/or dismissal. If a student knows he/she cannot make a meeting during the school year, he/she should contact the faculty advisor before the meeting occurs. If a student is absent the day of a meeting, he/she is automatically excused, but should check with an officer for the information from the meeting. The student is responsible for the information they may miss at a meeting. If a student misses a class because of participation in a NJHS sponsored event, they are responsible to make up the work. Failure to attend meetings without prior approval from the sponsor may result in probation or impending dismissal from the chapter. In particular, when a member incurs his/her second unexcused absence from a chapter meeting, he/she will be placed on probation. If there is a third offense, it will result in grounds for dismissal from the NJHS.

Section 3. Each member of this chapter is required to participate in 41 hours of community service for the first semester and an additional 6 hours each year within the community for a total of 10 service hours. All members are required to complete 10 hours of service by or around May 15th of each school year. All service hours must be documented on the correct explanation of activities form designated by the advisor. Members must submit their fall semester hours within one week of the end of the first semester end and by May 15th of the spring semester to maintain eligibility.

Section 4. Any violations as outlined in the student handbook may result in probation or expulsion from the society. Behavioral concerns which result in more than 1 day served in ISS for the school year or any DAEP

placement will be cause for immediate expulsion from NJHS. Any negative feedback from teachers including, but not limited to negative citizenship marks, may result in a review and hearing of the faculty council. Members are expected to maintain the highest standards of citizenship and character.

Section 5. Each member of this chapter is required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 92.0% or better. Middle school core class grades will be used to determine cumulative grades for 7th grade students.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE, DISMISSAL, AND RESIGNATION

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, or service may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the China Spring chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership in his/her school and community as well as displaying the highest standards of citizenship and character.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (92.0% or higher), he/she may be given a written warning and a reasonable time period 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 Chapter Advisors that can include 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.

Section 4. A member may be placed on probation for failing to turn in the required number of service hours by the deadlines set by the advisor.

Section 5. Members on probation will be notified in writing and will not be allowed to participate in chapter activities during the probation period, but will still be required to attend the meetings. The probation period will be for one entire six weeks.

Section 6. If a member is placed on probation a second time during the school year, the member is subject to dismissal. The member will be notified in writing by the advisors of the right to a hearing to extenuating circumstances related to the second probation. The member also has the right to resign prior to the dismissal.

Section 7. Resignation from the NJHS shall involve the submission of a written statement by the resigning member that is dated and signed by both the student and his/her parents. Verbal resignations are insufficient to end membership.

Section 8. For purposes of dismissal, the member will be notified in writing of the decision of the faculty council and advisor.

Section 9. Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary actions taken by the chapter advisors and/or principal.

Section 10. A member who resigns or is dismissed may never again be considered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. Prior to officer elections, NJHS members will be afforded the opportunity to self-nominate for various officer positions. Upon nomination, each candidate must agree to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office being sought. These duties and responsibilities are set forth by the NJHS Sponsors. These nominations will be placed on a ballot and voted upon secretly by all current NJHS members.

Section 2. Once elected as an officer, he/she must abide by all the NJHS By-Laws. In addition, if an officer is placed on probation for any behavioral infraction, academics, citizenship, is tardy for 2 or more required meetings, and/or misses any required meetings, it will be grounds for immediate dismissal as an officer. Officers will also be expected to complete all tasks assigned by the sponsor.

Section 3. If an officer is dismissed from office, the NJHS sponsor will appoint a current officer to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of the current academic year. Special elections may be held if student officers move from the district before the end of their term.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws will be reviewed annually by the Chapter Advisors. NOTE: BY-LAWS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND HANDBOOK. Any recommended change must be approved by the faculty council with consideration of the principal. Upon approval of the recommended change, it will be reviewed and put to a vote by the membership. Two-thirds vote will establish a change. Sections dealing with revisions to the procedures for selection, disciplining, and dismissal of members can be changed only by the Faculty Advisors and Council though input from the chapter is allowed.

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