

CONSTITUTION
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
of the
National Association of Secondary School Principals
1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091

Constitution/Bylaws of the
FLOYD S. LOCKE CHAPTER
of the
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
Mendon, Michigan
13141

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section I

The name of this chapter shall be the Floyd S. Locke Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the national council.

Section II

The object 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 the Mendon High School.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section I

Membership in this chapter shall be based upon Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character.

Section II

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 III

To be eligible for election to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester in this school.

Section IV

Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum scholarship average of 3.25 or its equivalent. The scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for election to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership and character.

ARTICLE III

Election of Members

Section I

The election of members to this chapter of the National Honor Society shall be by a chapter council, consisting of 5 (five) faculty members, who are chosen by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be an ex officio, non voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council. No principal or assistant principal may be included on the Faculty Council.

Section II

Any member of the faculty may propose to the council the names of students eligible for membership in the chapter.

Section III

Any member who falls below the standards which were the basis for his or her election shall be promptly warned. If, during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as the basis for his/her election to the Society, his/her case shall be passed upon by the faculty council. A National Honor Society member must maintain the standards for membership in order to retain his membership. A member will be allowed only one warning period. Once a member is dismissed, he/she is never again eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section IV

When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified in writing and his/her emblem and membership card must be returned to the advisor or principal. Notice of his/her dismissal must be indicated on the Annual Report submitted to the National Secretary at the end of the school year.

Section V

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.

Section VI

An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must have, and maintain, the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section I

The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Section II

A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section III

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

Section IV

The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his/her absence.

Section V

The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. He/She shall, with the approval of the principal or advisor, certify to the National Secretary of the National Council the names of all members for the current school year on the Annual Report submitted to National Headquarters.

Section VI

The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

Section I

The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor.

Section II

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 chapter.

Section III

All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by an auditing committee appointed by executive committee of this chapter.

ARTICLE VI

Supervision

Section I

The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of first the executive committee, advisor, and then the principal.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section I

The regular meetings of this chapter shall be at least monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the advisor and the principal.

Section II

The officers of the chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section III

Special meetings, approved by the executive committee and by the advisor, may be called by the president.

Section IV

All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the principal or some member of the faculty appointed by the principal.

Section V

This chapter shall conduct its meetings referring to Robert's Rules of Order as quite as a guide in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

Section VI

Attendance of monthly meetings is mandatory, unless written excuse is given to the president or advisor of the chapter.

ARTICLE VIII

Emblem

Section I

Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section II

Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem. (See Article III, Section IV.)

Section III

Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to him/her as a gift, a personal purchase, an award, or from whatever source, the title to the emblem shall rest with the chapter of which he is a member. The faculty council can, therefore, by a majority vote, request that any member return the emblem. In the case where the emblem can be shown to have been a personal purchase of the member, the Council shall reimburse the member the original cost of the emblem upon its surrender. Furthermore, each member agrees that his/her acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the emblem.

Section IV

All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091. All insignia are registered by the United States Patent Office, and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

ARTICLE IX

Dues

Section I

The annual dues for each member shall be \$0.00. This amount shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee of the chapter. At no time should the annual dues exceed \$5.00.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section I

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the executive committee of the chapter and by the National Secretary of the National Honor Society and that notice to members has been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.