



First Baptist Academy of Naples

National Honors Society Bylaws

2009-2010

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1. The name of this organization is the First Baptist Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.
- Section 2. The primary purpose of this organization shall be to promote wisdom and understanding, to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop Christ like character in the students of First Baptist Academy. We also strive to honor students who demonstrate high standards of the National Honor Society and contribute to the betterment of themselves, the school, and the community.

ARTICLE II. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

- Section 1. The control of this organization shall be vested in the National Council.
- Section 2. This organization conforms to the National Constitution as set forth by the National Council.
- Section 3. Annual affiliation fees shall be paid yearly to the National Council.

ARTICLE III. THE PRINCIPAL

- Section 1. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.
- Section 2. The principal shall appoint a member of the faculty as chapter adviser.
- Section 3. The principal shall appoint a Faculty Council composed of members of the school's faculty.
- Section 4. The principal shall receive appeals in cases of discipline, dismissal, or non-selection.

ARTICLE IV. THE CHAPTER ADVISER

- Section 1. The chapter adviser shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and to act as liaison between faculty, administration, students and community.
- Section 2. The chapter adviser shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.
- Section 3. The chapter adviser shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE V. THE FACULTY COUNCIL

- Section 1. The faculty council shall consist of no more than five faculty members appointed annually by the principal.
- Section 2. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by the faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership and character.

Section 2. Membership shall be known as active and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. New members shall be inducted at a special ceremony in the spring.

Section 4. A NHS 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 5. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE VII. SELECTION OF MEMBERS

- Section 1. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the sophomore, junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.
- Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.5. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.
- Section 3. Students who are eligible will be notified in writing. The students must complete the application, including two teacher recommendations and complete an essay for further consideration. The application must be handed to the adviser by the set due date, or the student will forfeit selection eligibility.
- Section 4. The application will then be considered by the faculty council in cooperation with the adviser. Students will then be evaluated on their service, leadership, and character. Service will be considered those activities done in the school or community service that are done without compensation. Leadership will be evaluated based on positive attitudes in leading others in school and church. Character will be assessed on demonstration of Biblically based morals and ethics. Also, qualified students will be those who show cheerfulness, friendliness, stability, sincerity, and cooperation.
- Section 5. The selection of each member to membership in the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.
- Section 6. Candidates will then be approved by the principal and the dean.

ARTICLE VIII. DISMISSAL

- Section 1. Members who fall below the standards which were the bases for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws. In this case, the student does not have to be warned.
- Section 2. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.
- Section 3. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.
- Section 4. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall include President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2. Chapter officers shall be selected by the chapter adviser, faculty council, dean of students and principal.
- Section 3. Officers shall serve for one year but may serve consecutive terms.
- Section 4. The president's responsibilities are, but are not limited to: to presided over meetings, to initiate plans of action, including service projects, and to take a leadership role in the induction.

Section 5. The vice- president's responsibilities are, but are not limited to: to preside over meetings if the president is absent, to aid the president in initiating plans of action, and to take a leadership role in the induction.

Section 6. The secretary's responsibilities are, but are not limited to: to take attendance at all meetings, to create flyers and printed materials, and to take a leadership role in the induction.

Section 7. The treasurer's responsibilities are, but are not limited to: to keep detailed financial records, to collect moneys related to NHS, and to take a leadership role in the induction.

Section 8. Only juniors are eligible for election to hold office the following year.

ARTICLE X. MEETINGS

Section 1. The chapter shall have regular meetings throughout the year.

Section 2. It is recommended that meetings be held at least once a month.

ARTICLE XI. ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall plan and execute on major service project each year in which all members shall participate.

Section 2. The total number of individual service projects shall be determined annually by the membership.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any time under the consultation of the principal and the adviser.

Section 2. These bylaws are accompanied by the NHS bylaws.