



St. John Bosco School National Junior Honor Society Constitution

Articles I and II: Name and Purpose

Section I: The name of this organization shall be the St. John Bosco School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section II: Purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in the students of St. John Bosco School.

Article III: Authority

The Principal has the power to overrule any decision made by the Faculty Council regarding the selection of candidates, dismissal of any NJHS member, ratification and amendment to the chapter by-laws.

Article IV: Membership and Obligations

Section 1: Once inducted, members must uphold and maintain all standards by which they were selected according to NJHS by-laws.

Section 2: On a monthly basis, activities will be proposed by the chapter members to be approved by the Faculty Council and the Principal.

Section 3: All members are required to participate in activities approved for the NJHS.

Article V: Selection Procedures

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the selection committee, made up of 3 teachers selected by the Principal, and shall be based on the criteria of Faith, Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Citizenship, and Character.

Section 2: To be eligible for consideration for membership, the candidate must have attended St. John Bosco School for one full year and must be a member of the sixth, seventh, or eighth grade. Candidates must have an overall average on their current report card of 85%, with no grade below 75% and at least an "S" in conduct.

Section 3: Entering members may not have more than 5 demerits within the academic year. Students will not retain membership if they have received more than 3 demerits per quarter.

Section 4: Candidates seeking membership and meeting all other criteria must complete and return forms given and the required essay on or before the deadline to be selected for membership in the NJHS.

Section 5: There will be a Spring Induction and a candidate must be present at both the rehearsal and the induction to be selected for membership in the NJHS.

Section 6: All selections made by the Selection Committee are final. There are no appeals for students not yet inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, as they are not yet members.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Members must attend all regular and special meetings of the chapter. Failure to do so without prior consent of the sponsor may result in probation or impending dismissal from the chapter.

Section 2: Meetings will take place twice a month on the second and fourth Monday of each month-subject to change.

Article VII: Chapter Leadership

Advisor: Coordinate Faculty Council Meetings, activities with members, inductions, etc.

Officers: Coordinate and facilitate activities for service to the community.

President: Preside at the meetings for this chapter.

Vice President: Preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Secretary: Keep the minutes of the meetings.

Article VIII: Officer Election

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

Section 2: Elections for the new academic school year will be held during the last month of school of the previous academic school year.

Section 3: Prior to officer elections, NJHS members will be afforded the opportunity to nominate a member or self-nominate for any office position.

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 sponsor. These nominations will be placed on a ballot and voted upon secretly by all current NJHS members.

Section 4: Officers must abide by all the NJHS by-laws and are expected to complete all tasks assigned by the sponsor.

Section 5: If an officer is dismissed from office, the NJHS sponsor will appoint a current member to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of the current academic year.

Article IX: Rules of Order

Parliamentary Procedure will be followed:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of members present
3. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
4. Officers' reports
5. Committee reports
6. Special orders – Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Article X: Discipline and Dismissal of Members and Officers

Section 1: A member will be placed on probation if his/her overall average in core subjects falls below the 85% (with no grade below 75%) and/or if his/her conduct falls below an "S."

Section 2: 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 until Progress Reports or Report Cards are distributed, whichever comes first.

Section 3: If a member is placed on probation a second time during the school year, the member is subject to dismissal. The member has the right to resign prior to dismissal. For purposes of dismissal, the sponsor will notify the member in writing of the decision.

Section 4: Violation of the law or of school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. Membership is automatically revoked, with no probation period, for:

1. Academic misconduct
2. Harassment of a student
3. Participating in an exclusive boy/girl relationship (boyfriends and girlfriends)
4. Not meeting quarterly Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading goals
5. Chronic missing or late homework assignments

Section 5: A member who resigns or who is dismissed will not be eligible for NJHS the following year.

Article XI: Ratification / Approval

By-laws may be reviewed, amended, and ratified as deemed necessary by the Faculty Council and Principal.

Article XII: Amendments

Amendments must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the chapter. The Faculty Council and Principal must approve these amendments. Amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Junior Honor Society and the mission and philosophy of St. John Bosco School.

Date: 9/3/11

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