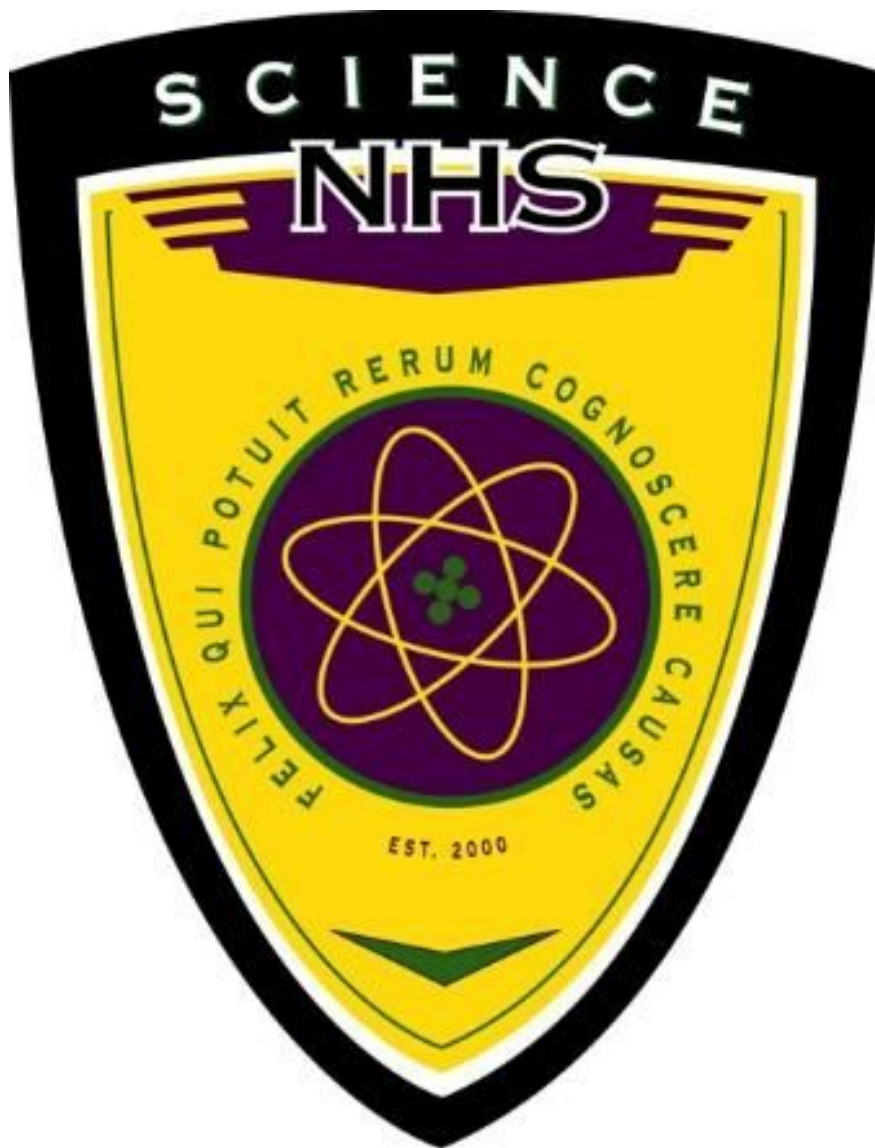


**Grant County High School
Science National Honor Society
Constitution & By-laws**



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Grant County High School Chapter
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ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Grant County High School chapter of the Science National Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought. It is to advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, and to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science. It is to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.

Section 3. The Grant County High School Chapter of the Science National Honor Society shall maintain policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, disability or pregnancy.

Section 5. The above stated policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student.

Section 2. A member should be in the last two years of secondary school education but exceptional sophomore students can be accepted into a chapter.

Section 3. A member must have and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Section 4. A member must be enrolled in a science class. A member must be enrolled in at least one honors level science class during or prior to the eleventh grade year. A member must be enrolled in at least one second year honors science class during or prior to the twelfth grade year. A member must be enrolled in at least one upper level science class during the twelfth grade year. If second year honors or upper level science courses are not offered by the school, then the student must be enrolled in a second first year honors or upper level science class.

Section 5. A member must maintain a B cumulative average (3.00/4.00) across each science course.

Section 6. A member must maintain behavior that is acceptable to the guidelines as outlined by the school's code of conduct in the student handbook of their educational institution.

Section 7. All members must attend one local chapter officer's lecture annually. All lectures must be approved by the chapter's advisor before being presented.

Section 8. Regular members may give a lecture with the chapter advisor's approval.

Section 5. Any active member who falls below the standard of 3.00/4.00 G.P.A or who falls below a 3.00/4.00 average across all science courses shall be placed on probation for the interim of one grading period. A 3.00/4.00 in overall G.P.A. and a 3.00 /4.00 average across all science courses will be the standard that occurs for students. The member will then be given one grading period to correct the

deficiency. If the standards fail to be met, the student shall be dropped from membership in the Science National Honor Society.

ARTICLE III SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Candidates may become members based on their science performance and GPA as outlined in Article II. Prospective candidates must then petition for membership in the Science National Honor Society by completing the proper form and returning it to the advisor.

Section 2. Candidates may only be accepted upon adherence to the policies of membership outlined Article II, Sections 1 through 5 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV DISMISSAL

Section 1. A student may be dismissed if he/she violates the standards, obligations, or ideals of the Science National Honor Society. This includes violation of grade or behavioral requirements as outlined in Article II, Sections 1 through 5.

Section 2. A member may be dismissed if he/she violates the Grant County High School code of conduct as outlined in the student handbook.

Section 3. Dismissal is approved and carried out by the chapter advisor under the auspices of the Faculty Council.

Section 4. Upon dismissal, the student is divested of all benefits of membership.

Section 5. A student may appeal dismissal by submitting a written request to the principal. This request is then forwarded to the Faculty Council for action.

ARTICLE V THE PRINCIPAL

Section 1. The principal of the school shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2. The principal shall appoint a chapter advisor annually, who may serve consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI THE CHAPTER ADVISER

Section 1. The chapter adviser shall be responsible for the direct, daily supervision of the chapter, and act as a liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community. There may be multiple chapter advisers.

Section 2. The chapter adviser shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter advisor shall send an annual report to the national office.

Section 3. The chapter adviser shall frequently review each member for compliance with SNHS standards, obligations, and ideals.

Section 4. The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE VII THE FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1. A faculty council shall be formed. This council shall consist of three voting science faculty members who volunteer on an annual basis. The chapter advisor shall be a nonvoting member of this council. No principal or assistant principal may be included on the faculty council.

Section 2. The term of the Faculty Council shall be one year. Members may volunteer to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The faculty Council shall be consulted at least once a year to review the procedures of the chapter and select members.

Section 4. The Faculty Council will approve when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, disciplining and dismissal of members, all of which must remain in compliance with the national guidelines.

ARTICLE VIII CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The chapter shall consist of the following officers, a president, a vice president, a treasurer, a secretary, and a public relations officer. All must be members of the Science National Honor Society.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all the meetings of this chapter.

Section 3. The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his/her absence.

Section 4. The chapter treasurer shall receive and distribute all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

Section 5. The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting, a record of all business and all records on file. The secretary will be responsible for recording the number of events each member has completed. Immediately following an election, the secretary must also submit to the national secretary of the Science National Honor Society a list of the names of those elected to membership.

Section 6. The chapter public relations officer shall also be responsible for publicizing the events of the chapter and keeping its members informed of those events.

Section 7. The chapter Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order at all chapter meetings and actives.

Section 8. All chapter officers are obligated to the duty of presenting two brief scientific lectures annually. The lecture shall be ten to fifteen minutes in length and are given during a regular chapter meeting or in a special ceremony. The lecture may be based on any scientific idea, past, present, or future. It may take the form of a report on a certain subject.

Section 9. The local chapter officers shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter as overseen by the chapter adviser. All officers shall review Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised and hence, conduct the meetings in a coherent policy. The officers shall meet regularly, make recommendations to the chapter, and perform all duties named in the chapter bylaws.

Section 10. The officers shall abide by this Constitution, the SNHS standards, obligations, and ideals.

Section 11. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to recall any chapter officer.

Section 12. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect any chapter officer.

Section 13. The executive committee shall have general charge over the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any member of the executive committee may be subject to the review of the chapter.

Section 14. The officers of the chapter shall determine the exact amount of the dues, not to exceed \$15.00.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1. The chapter shall have regular meetings at least once a month during the school year on days designated by the officers and in accordance with school policy.

Section 2. Members are required to meet at least four times a year.

Section 3. The president may call emergency meetings, if approved by the officers and the club advisor.

Section 4. The officers of this chapter shall be elected in May.

Section 6. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the supervision of the advisor, or delegated representative.

ARTICLE X CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Section 1. Each chapter shall determine one or more projects per year.

Section 2. All members shall participate in one or more of the chapter's projects per year.

Section 3. The purpose of the projects shall be to encourage scientific and intellectual thought, to further the knowledge of science in school and community, and to volunteer in the surrounding community.

Section 4. Each chapter shall either judge or host a local science fair contest and/or assist in the creation and/or maintenance of a science club at the school and/or assist fellow students' success in their science classes.

Section 5. Members must complete four hours of service per school year to keep their membership.

Section 6. Chapters shall also attempt to bring speakers from the scientific community into the school to the extent to which their resources and location allow.

ARTICLE XI OFFICIAL INSIGNIA AND MOTTO

Section 1. This chapter shall have the official emblem selected by the National Board of Directors.

Section 2. Each active, graduate, or honorary member shall be entitled to wear this emblem.

Section 3. Any member who resigns or is dismissed shall return the emblem to the chapter adviser.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Additional rules for the general operation of this chapter, or change to the current system, will be established by a majority vote of the general membership as bylaws.