

**Constitution
of the
West Ashley High School Chapter
of the
National Honor Society**

**Article I
Name and Purpose**

Section 1-The name of this chapter shall be the West Ashley 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 2- 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 pupils of West Ashley High School

**Article II
Membership**

Section 1- Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 2- Membership of this chapter shall be known as provisional, active, and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Provisional members, if they maintain high standards, may become active members in their junior year.

Section 3- Members of the sophomore class may be chosen as provisional members of the chapter of the National Honor Society if they satisfy all the requirements placed upon candidates from the junior and senior classes. Such provisional members shall have voice and vote in the chapter but may not hold office.

Section 4- Candidates shall have spent at least one year in West Ashley High School and shall be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible to election shall have a scholarship average of a weighted 4.0. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be for this chapter the required scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy for membership in this chapter, and all pupils who rise in scholarship to or above such standard level shall be admitted to candidacy for election to membership. Students must also take at least two Honors level courses each year. Finally, their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.

**Article III
Election of New Members**

Section 1- Any member of the faculty may propose to the council the names of pupils eligible for membership in the chapter.

Section 2- The election of members to this chapter shall be by council consisting of the principal and four or more teachers whom he may select. One of whom shall be chosen as sponsor.

Section 3 - Any member who falls below the standards which were the basis of his 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 election to the Society, his case shall be passed upon by the faculty

council. A National Honor Society member must maintain a weighted 4.0 average, take at least two Honors level courses each year, and exemplify the qualities of service, leadership, and character to retain his membership.

Section 4- When a member is dismissed, he must be notified in writing and his emblem and membership card returned to the adviser or principal. Notice of his dismissal must be indicated on the Annual Report submitted to the National Secretary at the end of the school year.

Section 5- An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from West Ashley High School will be given a letter indicating the status of his membership and signed by the principal.

Section 6 - An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to West Ashley High School will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his membership.

Article IV Officers

Section 1- The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2- Terms of office shall be for one school year.

Section 3- A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken on the two candidates who have received the highest number of votes.

Section 4- It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 5- The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his absence.

Section 6- The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. The secretary shall also, with the approval of the principal or advisor, certify to the National Secretary of the National Council the number graduated in each class and the names of all members for the current school year on the Annual Report submitted to National Headquarters.

Section 7- 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 1- The executive committee shall consist of the sponsor, the principal, and the officers of the chapter.

Section 2- The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapters, but any action of the part of the executive committee may be subject to the review of the chapter.

Section 3- The sponsor shall act as chairman of the executive committee.

Section 4- All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by an auditing committee appointed by the executive committee of the chapter.

Article VI Faculty Supervision

Section 1- The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

Article VII Meetings

Section 1- The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal.

Section 2- The officers of the chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section 3- Special meetings, approved by the executive committee, may be called by the president.

Section 4 - All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the principal or some member of the faculty selected by him.

Section 5- This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

Article VIII Emblem

Section 1- Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary School.

Section 2- Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 3- Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to him 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: and therefore, the emblem can, on motion of the council, be commandeered. Furthermore, each member agrees that his acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the emblem.

Section 4- All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society , 1201 Sixteenth Street. NW, Washington, DC. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office, and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

Article IX Dues

Section 1- The annual dues for each member shall be **\$25.00** for juniors and **\$35.00** for seniors. This amount shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee of the chapter.

Article X Amendments

Section 1- This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the council, and that notice to members has been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon. All amendments must be approved by the National Council.