

OPPENHEIM-EPHRATAH-SAINTE JOHNNSVILLE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Name and purpose

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Oppenheim-Ephratah-Saint Johnsville National Honor Society.

Section 2: The purpose of this organization shall be to create and promote enthusiasm for scholarship, to promote a desire to render service, promote leadership and to develop character in the students of OESJ high school.

ARTICLE II

The Principal

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

Section 2: The principal shall annually appoint a member of the faculty as chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3: The principal shall annually appoint a faculty council composed of five members of the high school's faculty who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 4: The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and the disciplining or dismissal of members.

ARTICLE III

The chapter advisor(s)

Section 1: The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day to day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students and the community.

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

Section 3: The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance of the rules.

Section 4: The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section 5: The chapter advisor shall be a member of the faculty, appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.

ARTICLE IV

Faculty council

Section 1: The faculty council shall consist of five voting members appoint annually by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council. No principal may be included on the faculty council.

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 review the procedure of the chapter, select members and to consider non-selection, dismissal, other disciplinary actions, and warning cases.

ARTICLE V

Members

Section1: Members must maintain a cumulative 85% average.

Section 2: Members must do one or more OESJ National Honor Society projects per year.

Section 3: Members may count up to five service hours from summer projects for the fall semester as long as they are documented.

Section 4: Members are required to attend OESJ National Honor Society meetings unless there is a prior notice to the advisor.

Section 5: A NHS member who has been in good standing at their previous high school may become a member of the OESJ National Honor Society with documentation from their previous high school.

ARTICLE VI

Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to any sophomore, junior or senior who meets the annually published criteria for scholarship, character, leadership and service. A faculty council will select the members based on the above criteria. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2: Candidates become members when inducted into the Oppenheim-Ephratah-Saint Johnsville National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

Section 3: A National Honor Society member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the former district shall be accepted automatically as a member in the OESJ National Honor Society. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 4: Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 85% or above. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership.

Section 5: Members who resign or are dismissed are never eligible for membership or its benefits.

Section 6: Membership shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. The honorary and graduate members do not have a vote.

ARTICLE VII

Selection of Members

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five high school faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2: Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic GPA of 85%. Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership and character.

Section 3: The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 4: A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication which is widely available to all students and parents of the school.

ARTICLE VIII

Dismissal of Members

Section 1: Members who fall below the standards, which were the basis for their selection, shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor.

The member may be given a reasonable amount of time to correct, except the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily 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 the right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 4: For the purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the faculty council is required.

Section 5: A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council to the principal.

ARTICLE IX

Officers

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

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.

Section 3: A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer to this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter and to establish an agenda for each meeting.

Section 5: the vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' attendance and contribution to leadership and service.

Section 6: The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence.

Section 7: The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

ARTICLE X

Executive committee

Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisor and the chapter officers.

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action of the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE XI

Meetings

Section 1: Meeting of this chapter shall be monthly or at the discretion of the advisors or president.

Section 2: This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Section 3: All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings. If unable to attend, the member must notify the president or the advisor before the scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE XII

Activities

Section 1: The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2: All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3: These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized and executed.

Section 4: Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interest and is approved by the chapter advisor. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5: The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE XIII

Emblem

Section 1: Each member of the chapter who is in good standing with regard to membership standards and member obligations shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

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

Section 3: Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor cords at graduation.

ARTICLE XIV

Dues

Section 1: Annual dues for this chapter shall be at the discretion of the chapter.

Section 2: Dues will be payable to the chapter treasurer within 30 days of induction.

ARTICLE XV

Powers

Section 1: The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the HS principal.

Section 2: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3: These by-laws are designed to amplify provision of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provision of the national constitution in all activities it undertakes.

ARTICLE XVI

Amendments

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles III and IV (referring to selection and discipline), which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Section 2: By laws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Honor Society.

Date: _____

Signatures:

President _____

Secretary _____

Advisor _____

Mr. Battisti

Principal _____

