

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Of the
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Of
POLSON HIGH SCHOOL

Article I
Name and Purpose

*Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Eseyami Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) .

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Polson High School.

Article II
Membership

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a 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, service, and character.

*Section 2. Membership will be divided into three categories:

Active: those who attend 50% of all meeting, participate in at least 50% of group projects.

Inactive: those members who attend less than 50% of the meetings or do not actively participate in at least 50% of group projects.

Graduate: inactive and active members who have been graduated.

Students will be notified of their inactive status and will be allowed a grace period of 45 days to become active. Inactive and graduate members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

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

Section 4. Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated by their chapter to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program.

Section 5. The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisors, or citizens in recognition of outstanding service rendered the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Honor Society.

Section 6. A National Honor Society member who transfers from another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the the new school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standard within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 7. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Article III Selection of Members

*Section 1. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the sophomore or junior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at Polson High School for the equivalent of one semester.

*Section 2. Members of the senior class are eligible as candidates if they transferred to Polson High School in their senior year and meet all other requirements for candidacy.

*Section 3. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership and character.

Section 4. The selection of members shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 5. A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication which is widely available to all students and parents in the school. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society.

Article IV 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 chapter advisor who may serve consecutive terms.

Article V The Chapter Advisor

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

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

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.

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

Article VI Faculty Council

Section 1. The faculty council shall consist of 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 chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio member of the faculty council.

Section 4. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warnings.

Article VII Chapter Officers

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

Section 2. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any chapter officer. *If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken on the two (2) candidates who have received the highest number of votes.

Section 3. New officers shall be installed at a special ceremony.

Article VIII Executive Committee

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

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

Article IX Meetings

*Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held twice each month during the school year.

*Section 2. The last regular meeting of each school year shall be for the election of officers.

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

Section 4. This chapter shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution and chapter by-laws.

Article X Activities

Section 1. Each 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 chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Article XI Official Insignia

Section 1. This organization shall have an official emblem selected by the National Council. The emblem shall be uniform

Section 2. The distribution of the emblem and the rules for its use shall be under the exclusive control of the National Council.

Section 3. Each active, graduate, or honorary member shall be entitled to wear this emblem.

Section 4. Any member who resigns or is dismissed shall return the emblem to the chapter advisor.

Section 5. All insignia must be procured from the national secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091. All insignia are registered in the U.S. Patent Office and may not be copied by anyone.

*Section 6. The motto of the Eseyami Chapter of the National Honor Society shall be *Noblesse Oblige*.

*Section 7. The official colors of the Eseyami Chapter of the National Honor Society shall be blue and gold.

Section 8. A graduate member may replace a lost emblem by verifying membership to the national office.

Article XII Dues

Section 1. The annual chapter dues shall not exceed five dollars. The exact amount shall be determined by the executive committee of the chapter and shall be subject to the approval of the chapter membership.

Article XIII Dismissal

Section 1. The procedure for dismissal shall be determined by the faculty council in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society. A written description of the dismissal procedures shall be available to interested parties.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. However, in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 3. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 5. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

*Starred items are those which relate specifically to the Eseyami Chapter and are considered its by-laws.

