



Beachside High School National Honor Society



Chapter Bylaws

Adopted: May 15, 2024

Amended: September 16, 2025

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the National Honor Society of Beachside High School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Our purpose is to create a foundation of strong individuals, to serve the community and Beachside High School while maintaining academic excellence.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NHS. See www.nhs.us/constitutions. In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: This chapter will remain an active member of the state association, Florida, by paying annual dues and participating in state functions when possible.

Section 3. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 4: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 5: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the sophomore or junior, class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Beachside High School.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.65 on a 4.0 scale(unweighted) or 4.0 weighted GPA.

- d. Documentation of 20 Community Service Hours (this will be verified through the guidance office by NHS Faculty council.
- e. Acceptable disciplinary record (no level 3 or higher offense documented) verified by the Dean's office/administration.
- f. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.
- g. Inductees must pay a \$20 induction fee (different from the annual dues) within one week of receiving their acceptance letter.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, nonvoting, *ex officio* member of the faculty council.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year (February).

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 6. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The faculty council shall grant the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$20. Dues will be payable within 30 days of the first meeting (typically in September). Additional items such as t-shirts, stoles and other club merchandise will require separate payments through SchoolPay.

Section 2. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

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

Section 4. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor stoles (in accordance with administrative policies) at graduation.

Section 5. Members are required to earn at least 20 hours of community service hours each academic year, with an additional 5 NHS Participation hours (only recorded through the club and do NOT count towards Bright Futures), which include, donations, teacher appreciation week, and school related activities. Work/employee hours do NOT count as community service hours.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be eight in total: president, vice president, secretary, historian, treasurer, parliamentarian, and two community service coordinators.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office. However, President cannot be a President of any other clubs or organization.

Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot through Schoology. A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be held between the tied candidates. If a position becomes vacant for any reason, the Faculty Council shall appoint a qualified member to serve the remainder of the term.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

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

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes and send Schoology reminders for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

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

Section 8. The historian shall be responsible for taking pictures of NHS activities and events and keeping a record of the history of the club.

Section 9. The parliamentarian shall be responsible for maintaining meeting order by enforcing established guidelines.

Section 10. The community service coordinator(s) will be responsible for finding and sharing volunteer opportunities for the club and communicating these opportunities to the members of the club.

Section 11. Officers and the faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

Section 12. Additional specific duties and responsibilities shall be outlined in the "NHS Officer Code of Conduct," which will be maintained by the chapter sponsors.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be monthly on the first Thursday of every month, starting in September. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser.

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

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"ARTICLE XI: CHAPTER OFFICERS Section 1. The officers of the chapter, their duties, and the method of their election shall be determined by the members of the chapter, approved by the faculty council and the principal, and described in the chapter bylaws."

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Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings. Members may miss no more than two meetings per school year. Attendance at the chapter's community service project and the member's own induction ceremony is mandatory.

ARTICLE IX: 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 which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

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

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Beachside High School chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected, he /she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement (one semester). Members inducted prior to the 2025 induction are required to maintain a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Beginning with the 2025 inductees, members are expected to maintain a 3.65 unweighted or 4.0 weighted GPA. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 5. Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the faculty council.

Section 6. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member has the right to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the faculty council prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the

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National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member.

c. The results of the faculty council vote will be presented to the principal for review and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.

d. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.

e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 7. In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW.

Section 1: These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 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 IV, V, and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.

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2025 - 2026 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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