

Ironwood Ridge High School

National Honor Society Constitution

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Ironwood Ridge High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

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 students of Ironwood Ridge High School.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. The graduate members have no vote. Those who have become members during the annual induction ceremony are deemed Inductees for a period of one semester and are able to vote.

Section 2. 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 3. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Ironwood Ridge High School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 3.8 (weighted grade). This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of 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. Their eligibility shall then be considered based upon their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE III

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The final selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members selected each year. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-official member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur.

A.) Student's academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.

B.) Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.

C.) The faculty shall be requested to comment on candidates determined to be scholastically eligible.

D.) The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty comments.

Section 3. The selection of active members shall be held once a year towards the start of the first semester, with the Induction Ceremony occurring in October or November. (Alternative or additional selection periods may be added).

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership and signed by the Principal.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member will attain within *one semester* and then maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE IV DISMISSAL

Section 1. *Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Ironwood Ridge High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community (See Article VIII, Sections 1-3).*

Section 2. If a member's semester cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (see Article II, Section 4), he/she will be given a warning and a time period of at least one semester for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below 3.8 (weighted) at the end of the warning period the student can be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3. Members of the Ironwood Ridge High School Chapter of the National Honor Society are required to attend meetings. (See Article VI, Section 1).

Section 4. Violation of criminal law or school regulations can result in 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.

Section 5. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as the use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absence, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive a 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 dismissed.

Section 6. In case of pending dismissal.

A.) The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal from the advisor/Faculty Council. The member can request to discuss the written notification in a conference with the request the advisor.

B.) The member will be offered a hearing with the Faculty Council prior to dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss.

C.) A letter of dismissal will be sent to the principal, student and parents if the student is dismissed. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the advisor.

D.) When a student is dismissed or resigns, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 7. Appeal to principal

Members have the right to appeal dismissal to the principal or his designee.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. The elected officers may appoint assistant officers for the purpose of facilitating group meetings for which the elected officers is unable to be present.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the during one of the final meetings of each school year. All returning members are eligible to run for a position as an officer.

Section 3. A majority vote 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 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.

Section 5. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. If neither President nor Vice-President is available to preside, the Secretary shall take his/her place. Aforementioned assistant officers would fill any needed positions left unattended.

Section 6. The secretary or his/her appointed assistant shall keep the minutes of meeting and be responsible for correspondence.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall keep record of business expenses, dues, etc.

ARTICLE VI

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 meeting and the business of the chapter, including the agenda for each meeting, which members may request items to be discussed. Any action by the executive committed is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VII

ABSENCES

Section 1. *Members are allotted 2 absences per semester.*

Section 2. *After one absence, a letter will be delivered to the student to remind him/her of our chapter's policy on absences before the next meeting. After two absences, the member will be sent a letter requiring a parent signature before the next meeting that states they understand that they cannot miss another meeting.*

Section 3. *After the third absence, Article IV Section 6 will be invoked.*

ARTICLE VIII

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Section 1. Group Projects: This chapter shall offer 4-8 group projects a year. Members are expected to participate in 4 per year. Inductees are expected to complete 3 projects.

Section 2. Anything beyond the required amount can be used for volunteer hours.

Section 3. Service hours: Members of the Ironwood Ridge Chapter of National Honor Society are expected to perform 20 hours of individual volunteer service per semester. Group projects do not count for hours. Summer work dos not count towards your hours. Volunteer work must be completed on the member's own time and they are due to the vice-president by the last meeting of the semester, but it is strongly advised that they be turned in earlier just in case there is a problem.

Section 4. Tutoring. All members will be required to tutor in a teacher's classroom for a minimum of two conference periods a semester. All hours beyond that may count towards the member's service hours. This time must be logged and turned in by the end of the semester. It is up to the member to ensure that the teacher has signed the necessary paperwork.

Section 5. If these duties are not fulfilled, per Article IV Section 6, the member will be brought before the faculty council, who, barring extenuating circumstances will revoke membership including the privilege of wearing cords at graduation and the privilege of declaring membership in the Ironwood Ridge Chapter or National Honor Society.

ARTICLE IX

DUES

Section 1. If a member has not paid his/her dues by the set deadline, they are notified before the next meeting by the Chapter's treasurer and given a one-week extension. Whereby, if the dues remain unpaid, Article IV Section 6 will be invoked. Dues shall be \$15.00 for senior members and \$7.00 for Inductees.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

Section 1. *Membership in National Honor Society means one should be a leader and improve the community around them. Our chapter has four committees and a member must be an active participant in one of these.*

Section 2. *If a member does not consistently participate in committee meetings throughout the year, the officers reserve the right to add on additional individual service hours.*

ARTICLE XI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Members are required to attend meetings. These meetings will be held at a time and place advertised as well as agreed upon at the previous meeting. At the first meeting of the year, the members must vote on whether they want to have meetings on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Meetings from then on will be held on the day that receives the majority vote. (See Article VII for our policy on absences).