

CONSTITUTION FOR THE BETTY BUCHANAN CHAPTER  
of the  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL, SARDINIA, OHIO  
1980-1981

ARTICLE I—NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Betty Buchanan Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the chapter 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 students of Eastern 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 active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.
- Section 3. Section 3. Candidates shall have spent at least one semester in Eastern High School, and shall be members of the Sophomore, Junior or Senior Class. Candidates eligible to election to the chapter shall have a **CUMULATIVE** scholarship average of **3.6**. Sophomores must be enrolled in at least three college prep courses and have completed at least three college prep courses during their freshman year. Juniors and Seniors shall have completed at least three C.P. courses both their freshman and sophomore years. 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. Eligibility shall then be considered on their Service, Leadership and Character.
- Section 4. To ensure that the members of this chapter are of good moral standing, have served their community and have leadership ability, this chapter will require three letters of recommendation to be reviewed by the faculty sponsors as a condition of membership. At least one of the letters must come from a faculty member and one from a person outside of school. In addition to the letters of recommendation the chapter will also require a letter containing a statement of intent from the student seeking admittance to the chapter.

These letters of recommendation can originate from the following sources:

1. A faculty member or a sponsor of another organization within the school district.

2. A sponsor or advisor of another organization outside the high school Some organization include: 4-H, church groups, Grange, Farm Bureau, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Campfire Girls, Candy Stripers, Knothole baseball, YMCA, YWCA, etc.
3. An employer.
4. A community leader, ministers, mayors, town councilmen, trustees, businessmen, county officials, etc.
5. Officers of community organizations such as: Women's Club, Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, PTA, PTO, Eastern Star, Masons, Rotary Club, Shriners, American Legion, VFW, etc.

### ARTICLE III—ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- Section 1. Students who meet the required academic criteria will be evaluated by Eastern High School faculty members who are familiar with the student's work.
- Section 2. Prospective members must have a minimum overall average of 80% on confidential teacher evaluations.
- Section 3A. Any member who falls below the standards which were the bases of his election shall be placed on probation during which time the student is not considered to be in good standing with the Betty Buchanan chapter and will not be permitted to wear the society's emblem. The length of the probationary period shall be the duration of one semester. If during the next regular grading period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as bases for his election to the Society, membership in the Betty Buchanan Chapter of the National Honor Society will be revoked pending a majority vote by the faculty council at E.H.S. A National Honor Society member must maintain the standards for membership in order to retain his membership. A member will be allowed only one warning period during his or her tenure in National Honor Society. Once a member is **dismissed from membership, he is never again eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.** Any student who appears on the ineligibility list will receive a grade notification letter. Any student who appears on the ineligibility list twice during one grading period will be dismissed from the society pending a majority vote by the faculty council at E.H.S.
- Section 3B. Cases of serious disciplinary infractions, including but not limited to actions requiring the assignment of alternative school or out of school suspension, may subject the member to immediate dismissal by the chapter council pending a majority vote by the faculty council at E.H.S.
- Section 4. When a member is dismissed, he must be notified in writing and his pin and membership card returned to the advisor 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. Chapter will reimburse the member for the pin.
- Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this 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 this 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.
- Section 7. All members must purchase an honor society pin and participate in the induction ceremony unless exceptions are granted by the chapter council.
- Section 8. All members shall attend and participate in the specified number of activities as determined by the officers and advisor(s). These activities include but are not limited to one National Honor Society Induction Ceremony per year, 70% of the all monthly group meetings held after school, and Christmas fruit basket sessions. Failure to meet the above mentioned requirements by any member shall render the said member a warning letter and on probationary status. If the member does not improve his or her commitment to the society within the next semester, his or her membership shall be terminated. If a member does not attend the mandatory Induction Ceremony each year, and does not have prior written consent and approval from the advisor(s), his or her membership shall be terminated pending a majority vote by the faculty council at E.H.S.
- Section 8A. Community Service: A total of 16 outside community service project hours will be rendered for the school year (8 per semester). Service hours must follow chapter guidelines in order to be considered. Members must submit completed accurate log sheet at end of each semester. Students who fail to turn in a log sheet, have inaccuracies and/or misrepresentations on the log sheet, or fail to complete all required service hours will be placed on probation in the event of a first occurrence. A second occurrence will result in dismissal from NHS pending a majority vote by the faculty council at E.H.S.

#### ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
- Section 2. A plurality of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.
- Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meeting of this chapter.
- Section 4. The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his absence.
- Section 5. The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. He shall, with the approval of the principal or advisor, certify to the National Secretary of the National Council the names of all members of the current school year on the Annual Report submitted to the National Headquarters.
- Section 6. 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 officers of the chapter.
- Section 2. The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the executive committee may be subject to the review of the chapter.

#### ARTICLE VI—SUPERVISION

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

#### 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 2A. The offices 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 chapter council or some member of the faculty selected by them.
- 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 VII—EMBLEM

- Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the pin adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.
- Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem. (See Article III, Section 4)
- Section 3. Each member agrees that, whether the pin comes to him as a gift, a personal purchase, an award, or from whatever source, the title to the pin shall rest with the chapter of which he is a member; and, therefore, the pin can, on motion of the council, be commandeered. Furthermore, each member agrees that his acceptance of the pin shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the pin.
- Section 4. All insignia must be procured from the national secretary of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office, and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

#### ARTICLE IX—FINANCES

Section 1. There are no annual dues, however members are required to participate in various fundraising activities.

#### 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 executive committee of the chapter and by the National Secretary of the National Honor Society and that notice to members has been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

#### ARTICLE X1—DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Section 1. A student who violates any one of the principles of the society or flagrantly violates any school rules or civil or criminal laws is subject to dismissal. A written notification of the reason for dismissal will be sent with the date and time of the dismissal hearing. The student has the right to “due process” and may appear before the faculty council to respond either orally or in writing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the faculty council will vote to determine the student’s membership status. If a majority of the faculty council votes for dismissal, the student will be dismissed from NHS. If a member is dismissed, written notification of the decision is sent to the member and the principal. An appeal of the dismissal can be made to the school principal.