

BYLAWS FOR NHS OF BYRON CENTER

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Byron Center.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose 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 Byron Center High School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1. This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the NHS National Constitution. See www.nhs.us/constitutions

Section 2. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section I. 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. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one marking period at Byron Center High School
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

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 advisor. 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 fall semester of the school year.

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

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the application set out by the Byron Center Chapter.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official input form provided by the chapter adviser. (A sample that is given to staff is included as an addendum to the bylaws).

- d. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, 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 to this school will be asked to fill out the Byron Center Application. The faculty council will review the application before the member is inducted into the Byron Center Chapter.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Anyone wanting to become an "officer" must notify the NHS advisor in writing via e-mail prior to the last meeting of the spring.

Section 2. The positions that will be available are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer

Section 3. All members will vote on the officer positions.

Section 4. Voting for officers will take place in May

ARTICLE VI: MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All members must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Section 2. Each member must complete a total of 10 service hours by the end of the first semester. During the second semester they must complete an additional 5 hours for a total of 15 for the year. Newly inducted members must complete 10 by the end of the year. It is suggested that at least half of the hours be Byron Center sponsored events.

Section 3. Students may not use hours required by other organizations to count toward their total for the year.

Section 4. Students will fill out the appropriate community service form in order to receive credit for their hours.

ARTICLE VII: DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Meeting attendance is the member's responsibility. Regular attendance at meetings is mandatory. Students who miss one meeting may be put on probation for the rest of the year.

Section 2. Event attendance is the member's responsibility for the events that they have volunteered for. If a member is unable to attend the event they signed up for they must find their own replacement and let the advisor know of the change.

Section 3. Any violation of school rules that leads to suspension results in a hearing to determine the member's status. The recommended course of discipline will be dismissal.

Section 4. Members are expected to report other members who are violating the rules.

Section 5. Violators will be reported to the advisor(s) or administration.

Section 6. Members get one warning for dropping below the expected grade point average, and will have the following nine weeks to get grades back up. If grades do meet the minimum grade point average, the member will be subject to dismissal.