

**Brandon High School
National Honor Society**



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Bylaws

**Article I
Name and Purpose**

- Section 1: The Brandon High School National Honor Society is a duly chartered local chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools
- 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 secondary schools.

Article II

- Section 1: The general control of this organization shall be vested in the National Council.
- Section 2: The bylaws of this organization shall be in compliance with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.

**Article III
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 IV
The Chapter Adviser**

- Section 1: The chapter adviser shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison between faculty, administration, students and the community.
- Section 2: The chapter adviser shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter adviser shall send the annual report to the national office.

- Section 3: The chapter adviser shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.
- Section 4: The chapter adviser shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Article V 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 adviser 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 warning cases.

Article VI Membership

- Section 1: Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by the 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 shall be known as active and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.
- Section 3: The faculty council may award, or accept recommendations to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisers, or citizens in recognition of outstanding service rendered the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Honor Society.
- Section 4: New members shall be inducted at a special ceremony.
- Section 5: A National Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.
- Section 6: Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Article VII

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Selection of Members

- Section 1: To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.
- Section 2: Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.
- Section 3: A further description of the selection procedure is outlined within the Brandon High School Code of Conduct.

Article VIII 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 procedure 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 adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of 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.

Article IX Officers

- Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2: Chapter officers shall be elected by a process of self-nomination, followed by a majority vote of the chapter membership.

Article X Executive Committee

- Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and chapter adviser.
- Section 2: The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine

and perform other duties. 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 XI Meetings

Section 1: The chapter shall have regular meetings throughout the school year as determined by the executive committee.

Section 2: It is recommended that meetings of the entire NHS membership be held at least twice a year.

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

Article XII Activities

Section 1: The chapter shall plan and execute one major service project each year in which all members shall participate.

Section 2: The total number of individual service projects shall be determined annually by the membership.

Article XIII Amendments

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the entire membership.