

# THE RAMION CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I Name and Purpose

SECTION 1 The name of this chapter shall be the RAMION chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Honor Society, Duly signed by the members of the National Council.

## ARTICLE II Membership

SECTION 1 Membership in this chapter shall be based upon Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

SECTION 2 Membership of the chapter shall be known as active, and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.

SECTION 3 Candidates shall have spent at least one semester in this school, and be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum scholarship average of 3.2. This scholarship level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement of admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above eligibility shall be considered on their Service, Leadership, and Character.

## ARTICLE III Election of Members

SECTION 1 The election of members to this chapter of the National Honor Society shall be by a chapter council consisting of members of the faculty; in no case should there be fewer than five members. They are to be chosen by the sponsor with the approval of the principal.

SECTION 2 Any member of the faculty may propose to the council the names of students eligible for membership in the chapter.

SECTION 3 A National Honor Society member must maintain the standards for membership in order to retain membership. Any member who fall below the standards which were the basis of his/her election shall be promptly warned. If during the next marking period of the school year, one fails to meet the standards used as a basis for his/her election to the society, the case shall be passed upon by the faculty council. A member will be

allowed only one warning period. All members have the right to appeal cases to the faculty council with that decision being final. Once a member is dismissed, that student is never again eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

SECTION 4 Upon dismissal, the member must be notified in writing and the emblem, membership card, and certificate returned to the advisor or the principal. Notice of the dismissal must be indicated on the Annual Report submitted to the National Secretary at the end of the year.

SECTION 5 An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of membership and signed by the principal.

SECTION 6 An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain requirements for this chapter in order to retain membership.

#### ARTICLE IV Officers

SECTION 1 The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian.

SECTION 2 A majority 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 meetings of this chapter.

SECTION 4 The vice-president shall fill the chair in the absence of the president.

SECTION 5 The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. The secretary, shall with the approval of the principal or advisor, certify to National Secretary of the National Council the names of all members for the current school year on the Annual Report submitted to National Headquarters.

SECTION 6 The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and 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 four members of the chapter council and 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.

SECTION 3 All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by an auditing committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the chapter.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Supervision

SECTION 1 The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Meetings

SECTION 1 The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly, during the school year on days designated by, and approved by the principal.

SECTION 2 The officers 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 principal or some member of the faculty selected by him/her.

SECTION 5 This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Roberts Rules of Order in all points not expressively provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Emblem, Certificate, and Membership Cards

SECTION 1 Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem and possess the certificate and membership cards 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, certificate, and/or membership card.

SECTION 3 Each member agrees that, whether the emblem, certificate and/or membership card comes as gifts, personal purchases, awards, or from whatever source, the title to these items shall rest with the chapter; and, therefore, the items can, on motion of the council, be commandeered. Furthermore, each member agrees that acceptance of the items shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation of the items.

SECTION 4 All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington D.C. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office, and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Dues

SECTION 1 The annual dues for each member shall be \$0.00. This amount shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the chapter.

#### 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.

# BY-LAWS FOR THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I Selection of Members

- SECTION 1 Selection of new members shall be held prior to the end of the first semester and following completion of the first marking period.
- SECTION 2 Installation Ceremonies for new members shall be held before the end of the first semester.

## ARTICLE II Dismissal of Members

- SECTION 1 Any member who receives a "D" or "E" in any class or falls below the standards used as a basis for his or her selection will be reviewed by the Faculty Council.
- SECTION 2 Any member who is suspended or put on social probation by the principal or the assistant principal shall have their case reviewed by the Faculty Council.
- SECTION 3 Any member who has two unexcused absences shall be promptly warned. The third unexcused absence will result in review before the Executive Committee.
- SECTION 4 All members are required to participate in at least fifty percent of all activities. Failure to do so will result in review by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE III Officers

- SECTION 1 The president of this organization shall hold no other presidential office in this school.
- SECTION 2 Any member on probation during officer elections may not run for any of the offices.

## ARTICLE IV Committees

- SECTION 1 There will be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the organization and the chairpersons of the committees.

SECTION 2 All Committee action shall be approved by a general majority of the Chapter.

ARTICLE V  
Meetings

SECTION 1 All elected officers of this organization shall meet weekly with the Faculty Advisor.

SECTION 2 The Executive Committee shall meet monthly with the Faculty Advisor.

Ratified on December 7, 1988