

Lanier National Junior Honor Society
Chapter By-Laws: Revised Spring 2014

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Lanier Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to stimulate the desire to render service, to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to develop character, to promote leadership and to encourage citizenship.

Section 3. NJHS shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091.

ARTICLE II
THE PRINCIPAL

Section I. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section II. The principal shall be a part of the appeal process for non-selection or dismissal cases.

ARTICLE III
THE CHAPTER ADVISOR

Section I. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students and community.

Section II. The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities and financial transactions.

Section III. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.

Section IV. The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE IV
FACULTY COUNCIL

Section I. The faculty council shall consist of 5 voting faculty members. No principal may be included on the faculty council.

- a. The council shall consist on one teacher from each of the clusters of the majority of qualifying candidates.
- b. The council shall meet as a group for all discussions and decisions.

Section II. The term of the faculty council shall be one year although members may serve consecutive terms.

Section III. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section IV. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection and warning cases.

ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based upon outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service to the community and citizenship.

Section II. The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, advisors or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the NJHS.

Section III. Candidates become members upon induction.

Section IV. Chapter dues are \$40 and are due upon acceptance.

Section V. An NJHS member who transfers to another school, bringing a letter from a former principal or advisor or NJHS certificate of membership to the new school shall be accepted as a probationary 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 VI. Members who resign or who are dismissed are no longer eligible for membership or its benefits although they may apply to NHS in high school.

Section VII. Members must maintain the characteristics for which they were chosen.

Section VIII. Members are required to accumulate 20 hours of independent community service over the course of their 8th grade academic year. Hours are due to the advisor at a predetermined date in April.

Section IX. Members are required to perform 3 hours of community of service to the chapter's adopted, on-going project.

Section X. Members may begin to accrue their hours in the summer after their induction.

Section XI. Failing to complete one's service hours may result in dismissal from NJHS.

ARTICLE VI

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section I. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the 7th or 8th grade at Lanier and have attended Lanier for at least one semester.

Section II. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of 93 (includes ALL classes) and an E average in conduct, with no more than one S in any grading period and no Ps or Us on 6th and 7th grade report cards. Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character and citizenship through the use of an information form completed by the candidate.

a. A list of completed community service performed since the summer before application.

b. Applications must be complete and submitted by the deadline published in the official school publication.

c. The use of faculty recommendations is optional to the chapter. The requirement of faculty recommendations must be published with description of the selection process.

Section III. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section IV. A description of the selection process shall be published in an official school publication which is widely available in a timely fashion to all students and parent of the school. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and be consistent with the rules and regulations of the NJHS.

Section V. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to the chapters.

ARTICLE VII

DISMISSAL

Section I. The procedure of dismissal shall be determined by the faculty council in compliance with rules and regulations of the NJHS. A written description of the dismissal procedure will be available.

Section II. Members who fail to meet the standard which the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor, placing them on probation and given one grading period to correct the deficiency. In case of violation of school rules or civil laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section III. Members who do not attain the expected standards after the probationary period will be dismissed.