



MVCS National Honor Society Bylaws



I. The Principal

- A. The principal shall annually appoint a member of the faculty as the NHS chapter advisor who may serve consecutive terms.
- B. The principal shall annually appoint a Faculty Council composed of five members of the school's faculty who may serve consecutive terms.
- C. The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and the disciplining or dismissal of NHS members.
- D. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

II. The Chapter Advisor

- A. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Faculty Council.
- B. The chapter advisor shall be a member of the faculty, appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.
- C. The chapter advisor will be responsible for ordering pins, certificates, and cords from NHS headquarters.
- D. The chapter advisor will also be responsible for planning the special NHS chapel program that is held each spring.

III. The Faculty Council

- A. The Faculty Council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal.
- B. The term of the Faculty Council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.
- C. The Faculty Council will develop and revise when necessary all chapter procedures for selection, disciplining, and dismissal of members.

IV. Membership

- A. Membership 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 these qualities.
- B. Candidates become members when inducted at a special NHS program held each year in the spring.
- C. A National Honor Society member from another school who transfers to MVCS and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor stating their membership shall be automatically accepted as a member in MVCS' local NHS chapter. Transfer members must meet MVCS' standards within one semester in order to retain membership.
- D. Members of the NHS will wear special honor cords at their high school graduation ceremony.
- E. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

V. Selection of Members

- A. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the Junior, or Senior class. Part-time students must be enrolled 51% of the class day per semester and must be taking classes that count toward graduation requirements. Candidates must have been in attendance at MVCS for one full semester to be considered for membership.

- B. Candidates must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.25 in order to meet the scholarship criteria. The candidate is then evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.
- C. All students who have met the scholarship criteria for membership – 3.25 GPA, will be asked to complete listing of their service and leadership activities. The NHS Advisor will distribute these forms and receive them back from the students in order to better objectively evaluate potential candidates.
- D. Input regarding character, leadership, and service of potential candidates will be sought from various sources including the faculty, staff, and social media.
- E. The selection of each member to the MVCS local chapter of the NHS will be by majority vote of the Faculty Council. The candidate must receive a majority vote in each of the areas of service, leadership, and character.

VI. Obligations of Members

- A. Members are to pay an annual chapter due of \$10.00.
- B. Members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected: scholarship, leadership, character, and service.
- C. Members are required to attend chapter meetings.
- D. Members are to complete 5 hours of individual community service per year according to their own talents and interests. All community service must be pre-approved by the NHS Advisor and must fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and the faculty, is appropriate and educationally defensible, and is well planned, organized, and executed.
- E. Members will participate in an approved chapter service project each year.

VII. Dismissal

- A. If an NHS member falls below the 3.25 GPA requirement, they shall have one semester to get back up to the scholarship standard. Failure to do so will result in the dismissal of the student from the NHS.
- B. Members who drop off in areas of service, leadership or character shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and be given one quarter to correct the deficiency. However, in cases of flagrant violations of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned.
- C. The Faculty Council shall determine by majority vote when an individual needs to be dismissed from the NHS.
- D. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the Faculty Council.
- E. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals to the school.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Any changes, corrections or amendments to the bylaws will need a majority approval by the Faculty Council to be implemented.
- B. A copy of these bylaws will be available to all parents electronically. In addition, a copy will be posted on the secondary bulletin board.