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Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Paint Valley Local Chapter of the National Honor Society of Paint Valley High School.

Section 2: 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 the students of Paint Valley High School.

Section 3: This chapter shall abide by the Constitution of the National Honor Society (NHS).

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, service, leadership, and character. This membership is an honor bestowed upon deserving juniors and seniors by the faculty.

Section 2: Members of this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active and honorary members become graduate members at graduation. The honorary and graduate members have no vote in the conduct of business.

Section 3: Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of at least one semester at Paint Valley High School.
- c. A candidate must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.500, which will be monitored quarterly.
- d. Candidates must select at least two advanced courses per year to maintain membership (Advanced courses consist of: Any CCP course, any AP course, any course with an Honors prefix, Pre-calculus, Calculus, Chemistry, and Physics).
- e. Candidates must maintain active participation in group service projects/activities. The chapter shall organize at least 5 service projects per year. Members must participate in at least 3 projects/activities per year to maintain membership. Members will also be expected to participate in at least one fund raising opportunity per year to maintain membership.
- f. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, each candidate shall then be considered based on the national requirements of Leadership, Character, and Service

Article III: Selection of Members

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed annually by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, non-voting, ex-officio member of the Faculty Council. Prior to notification of any candidates, the chapter advisor shall review with the principal the results of the Faculty Council's deliberations.

Section 2: Prior to selection and induction, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic and required courses eligibility.
- b. Students who meet the requirements in part (a) shall be notified and asked to attend a brief informational meeting. At this meeting, application packets will be distributed and explained, NHS rules will be explained, and deadline date for applications shall be posted. Completed application forms must be submitted by the designated deadline date in order to be considered for selection. Candidates who submit applications past the deadline will not be considered. Candidates who do not complete all parts of the application packet will not be considered.
- c. The Faculty Council shall review the application forms, teacher/principal/counselor recommendations, essay and disciplinary records in order to determine membership. Candidates' applications shall be evaluated based upon a scoring rubric and candidates' names shall be blacked out from all documents prior to evaluation.
- d. The chapter advisor shall report the results of the Faculty Council to the principal for approval. Lists of selected candidates and those non-selected, with reasons for non-selection, must be presented to assure support of the administration.
- e. The advisor shall notify and inform each non-selected candidate of the Faculty Council's decision prior to the formal induction. This notification shall be both timely and considerate of his/her well-being.

Section 3: The selection of new active and honorary members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 4: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. Attendance of all current members and new candidates is expected.

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

Section 6: An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership into this chapter upon receipt of a letter from the school from which he/she was admitted. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member one quarter to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter to retain his/her membership.

Article IV: Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the Paint Valley Local Chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2: If a member's quarterly GPA falls below a 3.500, the member will be given a written warning and be placed on probation for the time period of one quarter. If the member's GPA remains below standard at the end of the probationary period, the member will be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3: If a members cumulative GPA (which will be monitored at the end of each academic year) falls below the standard of 3.500 the member will be dismissed from the chapter. The student will be provided a written notification indicating the reason for dismissal. The member may also request a conference with the advisor.

Section 4: Members of the National Honor Society are expected to maintain an exemplary level of academic accomplishment. Failure of a course will result in dismissal from the chapter. The student will be provided a written notification indicating the reason for dismissal. The member may also request a conference with the advisor.

Section 5: Members who fail to participate in the minimum required service projects/activities shall be subject to dismissal from the chapter. Members will also be expected to participate in at least one fund raising opportunity per year.

Section 6: Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member.

- a. Minor infractions will result in the member will be given a written warning and will be placed on probation for the time of one quarter. If another infraction occurs during the probationary period, the member will be dismissed from the chapter. A minor infraction is classified as a Tuesday school or single day suspension.
- b. Major infractions can result in immediate dismissal from the chapter. The Faculty Council will meet to deliberate on a case by case basis whether the member should be dismissed or placed on probation. After the council has deliberated, the advisor will provide a written notification of the decision and will meet with the member for a conference. A major infraction is classified as a multiday suspension or violation of the law.

Section 7: In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for probation or possible dismissal from the advisor.
- b. The member may request a conference with the advisor to discuss the probationary period or possible dismissal.

- c. The member may request the opportunity to respond to the charge against him/her at a hearing before the Faculty Council and request a vote for dismissal. The member has the opportunity and the choice to present his/her defense either in person or in writing.
- d. If a hearing is requested by the member, the Faculty Council will vote on whether to dismiss. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be reviewed by the principal, and then if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student and parents.
- e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Article V: Officers

Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. If membership is small, these offices may be combined.

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected to a one year term, with election taking place in the fall. All returning active members in good standing are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.

Section 3: A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 4: The duty of the president shall be to preside over meetings for the chapter.

Section 5: The duty of the vice president shall be to preside over meetings for the chapter in absence of the president. The vice president shall also assist the president as necessary in meeting proceedings.

Section 6: The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence.

Section 7: The treasurer shall keep record of financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8: Any officer can be relieved of their office if any officer does not perform the duties of the office or maintain the desired qualities of the organization.

Section 9: If an office vacancy occurs, the advisor shall decide if the vacancy needs to be filled and then, if necessary, set up a new election.

Article VI: Executive Committee

Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisor and the chapter officers.

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly or as needed depending on upcoming events.

Section 2: All chapter members are expected to attend all chapter meetings. If a chapter member cannot attend, the member must discuss this with the advisor. Habitual absence from meetings shall subject the member to disciplinary action.

Article VIII: Activities

Section 1: The chapter shall determine at least five group service projects/activities each year.

Section 2: All members shall participate in at least 3 of these projects/activities each year to maintain membership.

Section 3: These projects shall fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well-planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4: The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Article IX: Emblem

Section 1: This chapter uses the national insignia and observes all rules.

Section 2: Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing honor stoles/cords at graduation.

Article X: Powers

Section 1: The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 2: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3: These bylaws are designed to simplify provision of the National Constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the National Constitution in all activities it undertakes.

Article XI: Amendments

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles II, III, and IV, which are developed by the Faculty Council with approval of the principal, counselor, and the Board of Education.

Section 2: Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.

Date of last approved revision: _____

Signatures:

Advisor

Principal

Counselor

School Board President