

These 5 hours should be done through the Kinney County Library, the Hope Center, CHEER, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Fort Clark Springs Community Council, the Kinney County Arts Council, or Kinney County 4H.

- If done for an individual, it should be under the supervision of a non-profit's adult leader (example: mowing an elderly person's yare under the supervision of your church youth leader or city maintenance personnel etc..) The supervisor does not need to be present for the community service, but must have knowledge of it ahead of time, and be willing to verify the service.

If you are not sure if something is community service, check with your NHS advisor ahead of time.

Required Hours:

Current Members - 15 hours minimum from at least 3 different sources, 5 hours from designated local organizations.

New Members - 10 hours minimum from at least 2 different sources, 5 hours from designated local organizations.

Brackett High School National Honor Society By-Laws

Revised: October 2014

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1--The name of this chapter shall be the Brackett High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

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 Brackett High School.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1--Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs. Section 2--Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty, and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 3--Eligibility a. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of at least one semester at Brackett High School. c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 90, as determined by the GPA committee. Beginning with students entering high school in the year 2015-2016, the minimum GPA requirement shall become 92. d. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall

then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE III: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1--The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, nonvoting, ex officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2--Prior to selection, the following shall occur: a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility. b. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the community service and leadership forms to the faculty adviser. In order to be considered for selection by the Faculty Council, forms must be submitted by the specified deadline. c. The principal will complete a form detailing discipline referrals for candidates for use by the Faculty Council in evaluating character. d. The Faculty Council shall review the community service, leadership, and discipline information forms in order to determine membership eligibility for all candidates. Section 3--The selection of new active 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.

Section 5--Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 6--An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his or her membership and signed by the principal or chapter adviser. Section 7--An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his or her membership.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1--Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the Brackett High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2--If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect when he or she was selected, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3--If a member fails to perform any of the published obligations of membership, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4--Violation of the law or school regulations can result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal of a member.

Section 5--Offenders of the school conduct code will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council, student, or parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal. Section 6--In all cases of pending dismissal: a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser or Faculty Council. The member and advisor will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held (see below). b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member. c. 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, parents, and principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser. d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards through the school district discipline policy. e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Honor Society. Section 7--In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1--The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2--Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.

Section 3--A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4--It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter and work with the advisor in all chapter activities.

Section 5--The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to chapter activities, along with other duties as assigned by the advisor.

Section 6--The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence, along with other duties assigned by the advisor.

Section 7--The treasurer shall keep the record of chapter expenses and income, and all other financial transactions of the chapter, along with other duties as assigned by the advisor.

Section 8 -- Should any officer not satisfy the duties of their office, to the satisfaction of the chapter advisor, he or she may be removed from the office.

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, unless announced otherwise. Section 2--This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*. Section 3--All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings. Members not in attendance must be excused by the advisor and supply documentation requested.

ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1--The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each school year. Section 2--All members shall regularly participate in these projects. Members not participating must be excused by the advisor and supply documentation requested.

Section 3--These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the advisor; 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--Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 2--Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 3--Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor stoles 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 amplify provisions 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 XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1--These Bylaws must be approved by the Faculty Council, with the approval of the principal.

Section 2 -- These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Faculty Council, with the approval of the principal.

Section 3-- The amendment change will rewrite that section of the Article of the Bylaws and the ratification date will be revised.

Section 4--Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Honor Society.