

SCIENCE ACADEMY OF SOUTH TEXAS  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
CONSTITUTION

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1. This chapter shall be known as The Science Academy of South Texas Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. The objective of the chapter is to create a better environment for the students, in which they can further develop the art of study, discipline, leadership, and character.

**ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP**

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

Section 2. Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. The active members become graduate members after graduation.

Section 3. All sophomores, juniors, and seniors that have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.50 ( based on the 4.00 GPA Scale, as determined by semester averaging) are eligible to apply to the Science Academy National Honor Society. A 3.50 equals to an overall average of a 90.00 ( no rounding is allowed). Then based on the overall points for leadership, character, and service, the applicant's membership will be determined.

Section 4. The application forms shall be submitted to the Science Academy's National Honor Society advisers by the announced deadline, otherwise the student's application will be rejected. These applications will be submitted and reviewed by the SA-NHS faculty council.

Section 5. The final review of all applications and evaluations will be done by the SA-NHS faculty council and the SA-Principal.

Section 6. Students who are accepted shall be notified in writing and must attend the induction ceremony.

Section 7. The students cannot be members of the SA-NHS if they are not inducted in the SA-NHS chapter.

Section 8. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to the SA-NHS will be automatically accepted for membership in the SA-NHS chapter, upon receipt of membership verification from the previous school's principal or NHS sponsor. The transferring member must obtain the membership requirements for the SA-NHS in order to retain his or her membership.

### ARTICLE III. **DISMISSAL**

Section 1. Any member who falls below the minimum 3.50 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) [ see Article X. Section 2] shall be immediately placed on probationary status. Notification of probation shall be given by the SA-NHS faculty council or advisers. Any member on probationary status shall be given until the end of the following semester to raise his or her CGPA to the minimum of 3.50. A 3.50 equals to an overall average of a 90.00 (no rounding is allowed). Any member on probation that does not raise his or her CGPA to 3.50 shall be dismissed from the SA-NHS. Members who resign or are dismissed are never eligible for membership or its benefits again.

Section 2. A National Honor Society member must maintain the established standards and requirements of leadership, character, and service. [ see Article X. Section 2.] Four hours of community service per semester are required for each member ( pre-approved by the NHS advisers). Any member who fails to maintain the standards or requirements of these three virtues may receive a letter of warning or be dismissed by the faculty council. [see Article X. Section 4 and 5.] A member has the right to a hearing before the faculty council. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the faculty council is required.

Section 3. All SA-NHS members must reach graduation with a 3.50 CGPA

(overall 90.00) [see Article VIII. Section 1] in order to maintain membership and be in good standing. CGPA will be based on the members final class ranking and good standing will be based on character, leadership, and service until the member graduates.

Section 4. When a member is dismissed, he/she must return the NHS emblem and membership card to the adviser or principal.

#### ARTICLE IV. CHAPTER OFFICERS

Section 1. The current active membership of the Science Academy's National Honor Society shall nominate and elect a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, historian, reporter. Elections shall be held during the fall semester.

Section 2. Active members shall nominate and vote for the SA-NHS chapter officers.

Section 3. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer to the SA-NHS Chapter.

Section 4. The president shall be the chapter's leader and chief executive. The president should possess character, personality, initiative, tact, and time enough to perform his or her duties properly.

The duties of the president are as follows:

- a. The president shall preside at the meetings of the chapter.
- b. The president shall appoint the chairpersons and members of the committees that may be required.
- c. The president should call special meetings when consider necessary.
- d. The president should be acquainted with parliamentary law.
- e. The president should be acquainted with the duties of the committees and other officers in order that directions can be given properly.

Section 5. The vice president should have comparable qualifications as the president. The duties of the vice president are as follows:

- a. The vice president shall fill the chair of the

- president in the president's absence.
- b. The vice president shall be chairperson of the committee assigned by the president.
  - c. The vice president maintains attendance and absence records.

Section 6. The duties of the secretary are as follows:

- a. The secretary shall keep accurate and complete minutes of all chapter meetings
- b. The secretary shall be responsible for the records, and files.
- c. The secretary shall present at each meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting.

Section 7. The duties of the treasurer are as follows:

- a. The treasurer shall maintain a record of the chapter's budget.
- b. The treasurer shall maintain records of each chapter member who has paid the required dues.
- c. The treasurer shall present a treasurer's report of current credits and expenditures at each meeting.

Section 8. The duties of the parliamentarian are as follows:

- a. The parliamentarian shall be acquainted with the constitution, the chapter bylaws, and parliamentary procedure.
- b. The parliamentarian shall implement the constitution, the chapter bylaws, and the rules of order upon the chapter.

Section 9. The duties of the historian and reporter are as follows:

- a. Historian and reporter shall be responsible for the display containing pictures.
- b. The historian and reporter shall be responsible for all NHS written and oral announcements.

## **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisers and the officers of the chapter with the president acting as its chairman.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general charge and supervision of the chapter.

Section 3. The activities of the chapter shall be subject to the approval of the adviser and the principal.

#### ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. The meetings of the chapter shall be held on days designated by the executive committee.

Section 2. The chapter officers shall be elected at the second regular meeting of the current school year.

Section 3. All new members shall be inducted in the Fall of each school year.

Section 4. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the chapter advisers selected by the principal.

#### ARTICLE VII. ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Members with four absences from meetings and/or assigned activities will be dismissed from the Science Academy of South Texas Chapter of the National Honor Society and cannot be reinstated for the duration of his/her high school career. There will be a verbal and written warning after the third absence. At this time, the NHS member has the right to request a hearing with the faculty council.

#### ARTICLE VIII. EMBLEM

Section 1. Each chapter member shall be entitled to wear the adopted emblem of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the NHS emblem.

#### **ARTICLE IX. DUES**

Section 1. Annual membership dues shall be \$10.00 per member per academic year.

#### **ARTICLE X. FACULTY COUNCIL**

Section 1. The Faculty Council shall consist of 5 voting faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisers are non-voting members of the Faculty Council. No principal or asst. principal may be included on the Faculty Council.

#### **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS IN THE BYLAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Section 1. The SA-NHS Chapter Bylaws to the Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the executive committee, the club membership, and are consistent with the National Honor Society Constitution and the policies established by the National Council. A notice to the members must be given at a regularly scheduled meeting.