

**Brigantine North Middle School**  
**National Junior Honor Society By-Laws**

Article I  
Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the North School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of Brigantine North Middle School.

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

Section 3. The 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 1. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint a chapter adviser, who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The principal shall be part of the local school district appeal process for non-selection or dismissal cases.

Article III  
The Chapter Adviser

Section 1. The chapter adviser shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between the faculty, administration, students and community.

Section 2. The chapter adviser shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter adviser shall send the annual activity report to the national office.

Section 3. The chapter adviser shall regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

Section 4. The chapter adviser shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

## Article IV Faculty Council

Section 1. The faculty council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No principal may be included on the faculty council.

Section 2. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.

Section 4. The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning classes.

## Article V Membership

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizenship.

Section 2. The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NJHS advisers, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 3. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 4. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a 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 5. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

## Article VI Selection of Members

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the seventh or eighth grade.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of 3.5. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 3. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

Section 4. A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication which is widely available in a timely fashion to all students and parents of the school. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 5. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgement of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

## Article VII Dismissal

Section 1. The procedure of dismissal shall be determined shall be determined by the faculty council in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not, necessarily, have to be warned.

Section 3. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall reserve the right to written notification of charges and a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 5. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 6. The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal classes.

## Article VIII Nomination and Election of Officers

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

Section 2. Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the North School Chapter.

Section 3. Three members are nominated for each office from the floor.

Section 4. A secret ballot is the employed to elect from the three chosen.

## Article IX Officer's Duties and Responsibilities

Section 1. President- presides over all activities in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2. Vice-President- assists President as needed and replaces President when the President is absent.

Section 3. Secretary- keeps all official documents of the organization, including minutes of meetings.

Section 4. Treasurer- maintains the organization's accounts and presents a report at each meeting.

## Article X Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter adviser.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as are specifies in the chapter by-laws. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

## Article XI Meetings

Section 1. The North School Chapter shall meet monthly.

Section 2. Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called by the president.

Section 3. Chapters shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order in all points not expressly provided for in these by-laws.

## Article XII Activities

Section 1. The chapter shall be involved in one or more service projects during the year.

Section 2. Each member shall be involved in an individual service project as approved by the chapter adviser.

## Article XIII Amendments

Section 1. All amendments to the by-laws require a majority vote at regularly scheduled monthly meeting with two-thirds of the voting members present.

Last Updated April 29, 2015

