



**Chapter Bylaws
of the
McCann Technical School Chapter
of the
National Honor Society
Adopted: March 5, 2024**



ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the National Honor Society of McCann Technical School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

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 students of McCann Technical School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NHS. See www.nhs.us/constitutions. In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: This chapter will remain an active member of the state association, MSAA/Massachusetts Association of National Honor Societies, by paying annual dues and participating in state functions when possible.

Section 3. The chapter advisors are given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 4: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 5: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.



ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. 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 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. Eligibility:

1. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, students must meet the following requirements of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character:
 - 1.1. Scholarship
 - 1.1.1. Currently enrolled at McCann Technical School
 - 1.1.2. Member of the junior class
 - 1.1.3. Enrolled in at least one honors or AP-level class per quarter from the beginning of sophomore year
 - 1.1.4. Minimum cumulative weighted Academic GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
 - 1.1.5. Minimum cumulative weighted Technical GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
 - 1.2. Service
 - 1.2.1. Agreement to attend all chapter meetings per year unless excused by an NHS advisor
 - 1.2.2. Agreement to complete at least five (5) hours of group or approved (and documented) individual volunteer service to the community by the end of their Junior year
 - 1.2.3. Agreement to complete at least five (5) hours of group or approved (and documented) individual volunteer service to the community by the end of quarter 3 of their Senior year
 - 1.2.4. Agreement to participate in a group service project/fundraiser
 - 1.3. Leadership
 - 1.3.1. Exhibit strong leadership qualities which would include, but are not limited to, a positive record of conduct, officer and leadership positions in other extracurricular activities, resourcefulness, initiative, attitude, dependability, etc.
 - 1.4. Character
 - 1.4.1. Meet the McCann Technical School Citizenship extracurricular eligibility requirements for all quarters prior to selection starting from the beginning of their sophomore year



- 1.4.2. Meet the National Honor Society selection procedure description of good character which is defined as: “Upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.”
2. To maintain eligibility, students must continue to meet the following requirements:
 - 2.1. Scholarship
 - 2.1.1. Currently enrolled at McCann Technical School
 - 2.1.2. Enrolled in at least one honors or AP-level class
 - 2.1.3. Minimum cumulative weighted Academic GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
 - 2.1.4. Minimum cumulative weighted Technical GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
 - 2.2. Service
 - 2.2.1. Must attend all chapter meetings unless excused by an NHS advisor
 - 2.2.2. Complete at least five (5) hours of group or approved (and documented) individual volunteer service to the community in their Junior year
 - 2.2.3. Complete at least five (5) hours of group or approved (and documented) individual volunteer service to the community in their Senior year
 - 2.2.4. Must participate in a group service project/fundraiser
 - 2.3. Leadership
 - 2.3.1. Must continue to exhibit strong leadership qualities (i.e. positive disciplinary record, officer positions, etc.)
 - 2.4. Character
 - 2.4.1. Must continue to meet the McCann Technical School Citizenship extracurricular eligibility requirements
 - 2.4.2. Must continue to embody the National Honor Society description of good character listed above

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of the principal, vice principal, director of student services, guidance department, and NHS advisors.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

1. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.



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2. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form for further consideration.
3. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official input form provided by the chapter advisors.
4. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of their membership regarding the National Honor Society and will become an inactive member of the McCann Technical School chapter.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear 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 cords at graduation.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The chapter's officer positions are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.



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Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot. 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 president's duty to preside at the chapter's meetings and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section 5. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of member input and suggestions. The vice president shall also act as a representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall assist the advisors in keeping a record of business expenses and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8. Officers and the faculty advisor(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive board. The executive board shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter. Any action by the executive board is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be twice per year. Special meetings can be called by the president with the approval of the advisors.

Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.



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 faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

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

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character will be considered for discipline or dismissal from the McCann Technical School chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain their academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to their school and community.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when they were selected, they will be given a written warning and a defined time for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the student will be subject to dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive a written warning notification sent to the student and parent. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 5. Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the faculty council.

Section 6. In all cases of pending dismissal:

1. The member will receive written notification from the advisors/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.



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2. The member has the right to respond to the charge(s) against them at a hearing before the faculty council before any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present their defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member.
3. The results of the faculty council vote will be presented to the principal for review and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the advisor.
4. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the principal and afterward according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.
5. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered 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 XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW.

Section 1: These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a majority affirmative vote of all members of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised with approval from the faculty council and approval noted on this document.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

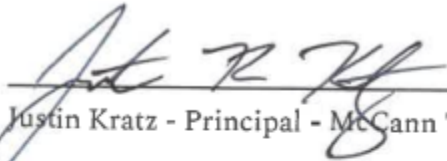
These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the faculty council, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles IV, V, and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.



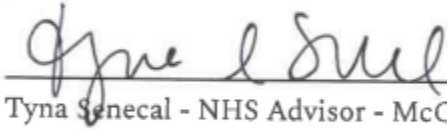
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Approved on 03/05/2024

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