



## **National Junior Honor Society Bylaws**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this chapter shall be the Glynn Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of Glynn Middle School.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, foster a sense of citizenship through service, promote leadership, and develop character in students of Glynn Middle School.

### **ARTICLE III: POWERS**

Section I: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NJHS. See [www.njhs.us/constitutions](http://www.njhs.us/constitutions). In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section II. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

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

Section IV. Our chapter of NJHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, 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 I. 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, character, and citizenship.

Section II. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members upon graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voting rights in chapter affairs.

#### Section III. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be in the second semester of sixth grade or a member of the seventh or eighth grade class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one nine week term at Glynn Middle School.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum of a 90% average in all classes, including connection classes, high school credit courses, and study skills.
  - i. For the inaugural 2024-2025 school year, selection for a spring induction will be based on grades submitted, scored, and recorded in the Infinite Campus grade book during the fall semester. Teachers will continue collecting, scoring, and recording grades for the 2024-2025 school year during the second semester, allowing students the opportunity to qualify for NJHS membership if they have a final average of 90% in all classes by the last day of school. Students qualifying for NJHS membership in the Spring semester will be inducted the following September.
  - ii. For the 2025-2026 school year and thereafter, selection will be based on grades submitted, scored, and recorded in the Infinite Campus grade book by the end of the school year. Students qualifying for NJHS membership in May will be inducted the following September.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and class average standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

#### ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS



Section I. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, nonvoting, ex *officio* member of the faculty council.

Section II. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.

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

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and parent permission shall be gained.

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

Section V. An active member of the National Junior Honors 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/her membership.

#### ARTICLE VI. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section I. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$15. Dues shall be paid to the chapter within 30 days of induction.

Section II. 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 Junior Honors Society.

#### ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

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

Section II. 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 members can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for officer.

Section III. Voting shall be a secret ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect an 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 IV. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section V. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions in leadership and service.

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

Section VII. The treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section VIII. Officers and the faculty advisor(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter.

## ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section I. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly. Special meetings can be called by the president with the approval of the adviser(s).

Section II. Members are expected to attend all meetings.

## ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

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

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



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

#### ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section I. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Glynn Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honors Society. A member of the National Junior Honors 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 II. If a member's grades fall below standard in effect when he/she was selected, he/she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the member's grades remain below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

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

Section IV. Offenders of the school conduct code will receive a written warning notification. 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 V. 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 VI. In all cases of pending dismissal:



- a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/ faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member has the right to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the faculty council prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her 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 members.
- c. 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.
- d. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the building principal.
- e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Junior Honors Society.

Section VII. In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

#### ARTICLE XI. RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW

Section I. These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

#### ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, providing 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.

Approved on (insert date)

Signatures:

Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Secretary \_\_\_\_\_



Chapter Adviser\_\_\_\_\_

Principal\_\_\_\_\_