



National Honor Society

Marian Catholic High School

Constitution of the Robert F. Kennedy Chapter

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Article I

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Robert F. Kennedy Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, signed by the National Secretary.

Section 2. The object of this chapter shall be to promote an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character of the students of Marian Catholic High School.

Article II

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Each member of the chapter must have twenty hours of service per year. Service hours are to be handed in for each semester by a specific date. This service must be to the school, the Church, or the community in which he/ she lives. Members must participate in certain events throughout the year that are part of the National Honor Society's requirements. These requirements are in addition to your required hours.

Section 2 Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Graduate members have no vote. Students must be members for more than one semester in order to vote on matter that will go into effect.

Section 3 To be eligible for membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance in this school for a period equivalent to one semester.

Section 4. Eligible candidates must be members of the Junior or Senior Class. Candidates should have no more than three demerits at the time of selection. Eligible candidates shall have a minimum scholarship average of 3.40. Averages do not round up.

Section 5 Academically eligible candidates must fill out an application on which they list and describe their qualifications in the areas of service, and leadership.

Article III

Section 1. The election of members shall be by the Chapter Council consisting of five members of the faculty who are chosen by the Principal. The selection process is determined by National rules.

Section 2. Any member of the Chapter who receives 8 demerits or more during a quarter, will be placed on probation and will receive a probation letter should this occur. Parents/ guardians will be asked to sign a copy of this letter, and it will go on file. Should the member acquire another 8 demerits, at any time during the year he/ she will be dismissed. If the student has eight or more demerits at the time of graduation, the student will not be permitted to wear the NHS stole.

Section 3. Any member whose cumulative average falls below the National Honor Society's required average will receive a probation letter and will have 2 quarters to bring up the average. If the average is not brought up at the end of the probationary period, the member will be dismissed. This is in line with the National Honor Society's rule that states that anyone who falls below the standards on which he/she was admitted, cannot remain a member. Any senior whose average falls below the standard at graduation will not be allowed to wear the NHS stole. The scholastic average is non-disputable.

Section 4. Any member who does not have the required hours of service submitted by the required date, will be issued a warning. If the hours are not turned in by the deadline at the end of the year, seniors will not be permitted to wear the NHS stole and underclassmen will be placed on probation. Any member who misses 3 or more of the required service projects for the chapter will be given a probation letter.

Section 5. A member may be dismissed if there he/she has received two probation letters for any infraction. When this occurs, the case will be heard by the Faculty Council and the Council will make a decision on dismissal. When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified of it in writing and his/her membership pin returned to the Advisor. Notice of this dismissal will be indicated on the annual report to the National Secretary.

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/her membership and signed by the principal.

Section 7. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will automatically be accepted for membership in this chapter. This member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain membership.

Article IV

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

Section 2. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer.

Section 3. It is the duty of the president to preside at all meetings.

Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president.

Section 5. The secretary will keep the minutes for the meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. These minutes will be given to the moderator within one week of the meeting.

Section 6. The treasurer shall receive and distribute all funds of the chapter and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements.

Article V

Section 1. The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the Principal.

Section 2. In accordance with the rules of the National Honor Society, the Faculty Council shall vote on matters concerning the status of members.

Article VI

Section 1. The regular meeting shall be held during the Gold Activity. Members may be excused from attendance only for a serious reason and with permission of the Advisor. Members must ask to be excused the day before a meeting and present a written note to the moderator.

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

Section 3. Special meeting, approved by the executive committee and the advisor, may be called.

Section 4. All meeting are open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the Principal or a member of the Faculty selected by him/her.

Section 5. The meetings shall be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Article VII

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

Section 2. Any members who withdraws or is dismissed shall return the emblem.

Article VIII

Section 1. The annual chapter dues for each member shall be \$ 5.00.