

**Mt. Pleasant High School
National Honor Society
Bylaws**

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Mount Pleasant High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society duly signed by the National Secretary.

Section 2: The object 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 all students of Mount Pleasant High School.

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. Active members become graduate members after graduation.

Section 3: To be eligible for election to membership in the chapter, a candidate must have been in attendance for one semester in this school and he/she must submit an application for admission.

Section 4: Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the Junior or Senior Class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum weighted cumulative grade point average of 5.10.

Section 5: Members must take four years of English, three years of Science, and three years of Math during their four years in high school.

Section 6: To be admitted into the National Honor Society in the fall of the school year, you must be a third or fourth year high school student and have a minimum overall weighted cumulative grade point average of 5.10. A third-year student must be enrolled in four core-curricular courses, with three of the four core-curricular classes being Pre-AP, Advanced Placement or Dual Credit. A fourth-year student must meet the same requirements of being enrolled in four core-curricular courses, three of which are Pre-AP, Advanced Placement or Dual Credit, but only one can be classified as Pre-AP. Core-Curricular courses include English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. A fourth-year student can also have three core-curricular courses, meeting the pre-stated requirements (one can be Pre-AP), and be enrolled in a third or fourth year CTE Path course with a Class Rank of 7 or better.

Section 7: Candidates and members must be able to demonstrate some level of community involvement prior to seeking membership and as part of maintaining their membership. Since service is an integral part of the NHS purpose statement, evidence of past volunteer service will be evaluated upon application to NHS, and will be evaluated yearly thereafter.

Article III

Election of Members

Section 1: Interested students who are scholastically eligible for membership in this chapter of the National Honor Society must make written application for membership on the form provided by the chapter.

Article IV

Officers

Section 1: The officers of this chapter shall be a President, Vice-President, Reporter, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The selection of officers shall be done by accumulation of points through teacher nominations, written essay questions, and interviews to be conducted by the Faculty Advisory Council.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of this chapter, lead officers' meetings, attend all service projects, and oversee all committees.

Section 4: The Vice-President shall fill the chair of the President in his/her absence, collect service records, oversee committees, and attend all service projects.

Section 5: The Secretary shall keep the; minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. He/She shall, with the approval of the principal and sponsor, certify to the National Secretary of the National Council the names of all members for the current school year on the annual report submitted to National Headquarters. He/She shall also keep a record of merits and demerits and report cards. The Secretary shall attend all service projects.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations. The Treasurer shall also maintain the receipt book and coordinate ordering of materials.

Section 7: The Parliamentarian will act as the keeper of the constitution and bylaws and be familiar with their contents. He or she will also be knowledgeable about meeting procedures and be well informed on previous meetings. The Parliamentarian will offer procedural opinions when asked to do so by the President. He or she will also work with the Faculty Council in the event constitution/bylaws need any type of revision.

Section 8: The Historian shall assume all public relation duties for preparation of newspaper releases and will arrange for media coverage when necessary. He/She will keep a record of member attendance at service projects and coordinate service projects with the community, attending all service projects.

Article V

Executive Committee

Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter; and the Faculty Adviser(s).

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the executive committee may be subject to the review of the Chapter and the Faculty Advisory Council.

Section 3: All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by an auditing committee appointed by the executive committee of the chapter.

Article VI

Supervision

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

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1: The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held once each month during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and/or sponsors. The meeting days will be the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise specified.

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

Article VIII

Emblem

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 member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem.

Section 3: All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091.

Article IX

Dues

Section 1: The annual dues for each member shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee of the chapter. The annual dues are thirty dollars (\$30).

Article X

Amendments

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended as follows:

- A. The proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted in writing to the Faculty Council. At the next regularly scheduled meeting after receiving the proposed change(s) the council shall review request and vote.
- B. Immediately after which the proposed change is reviewed, the council will present the changes to the principal.
- C. The proposed amendment and/or revision must be approved by a minimum of 51% of the quorum of the council present with a quorum consisting of 5 members (NHS quorum).
- D. Grade Point Average (GPA) changes are at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees.

These Bylaws amended and adopted September 27th, 2016

Clarified eligibility of one semester completed requirement for new students (Art. II, sec.3)

Clarified fourth-year student class requirements. (Art. II, sec 6)

Added amendment requirements (Art. X)

These Bylaws amended and adopted September 14th, 2017

Added/renamed offices of Parliamentarian and Historian

Clerical Errors corrected

These Bylaws amended and adopted October 1st, 2020

Added third and fourth year CTE Path course with a Class Rank of 7 or better (Practicum) to eligible list for fourth year students. (Art. II, sec 6)

Service Hour Bylaws have been amended and adopted 05/01/23

SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Service hours are tallied from May 1st to the last Friday of April.

- Each senior member must complete 15 total service hours during each school year. The first 8 are to be completed by the end of the first semester.
- Fall inductees (junior members and new senior members) must complete 12 total service hours during each school year. The first 6 are to be completed by the end of the first semester.
- Officers must complete 30 service hours during each school year. The First 10 are to be completed by the end of the first semester.
- Spring inductees must complete six (6) service hours during the spring semester.
- Service hours may not accrue from one year to the next.

Some mandatory events will be required, such as:

Honors Breakfast (juniors only)

Honors Luncheon (juniors only)

Special Olympics (seniors only)

Graduation (juniors only)

Deadline for completion of Service Hours

All service hours must be completed by the last Friday of April. Service hour time will be monitored at the end of the first semester during the 2nd week of January and on or near the first week of April. Excess service hours beyond the required amount per year cannot be accrued for the next school year.

Consequences for Failure to Complete Required Service Hours

Any member who does not comply with the service hour requirement each semester will be placed on probationary status at the time the hours are monitored. If the member is not in compliance with the requirement within two weeks, dismissal will result. The members should keep in mind that one of the four aspects of this organization is service.

Any member who misses (without prior approval of the advisor) a service project in which he/she has committed to participate will be placed on probation. Any subsequent absence will result in dismissal from the society.