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**ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

- Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Chippewa 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 Manistee High School.

**ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Membership in this Chippewa Chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
  
- Section 2. Membership shall be known as active and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate

members shall have no voice or vote in the chapter's affairs.

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

Section 4. All candidates and members of the chapter shall have a minimum scholastic grade point average of 3.6.

Section 5. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class.

Section 6. New members shall be inducted at a special ceremony. The time of this ceremony shall be chosen by the chapter's executive committee. Participation in the induction ceremony is a requirement for membership.

Section 7. Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated by their chapter to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program.

Section 8. A National Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new school advisor shall be accepted

automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one trimester in order to retain membership.

Section 9. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

**Section 10. Each member is required to earn twenty-five service hours per semester. These hours can be attained by attending meetings, participating in National Honor Society events, and serving the community. If a member fails to earn the service points two terms in a row, the member is subject to dismissal. A total of 50 service hours are needed for one academic year.**

**Section 11. Members may earn 10 of their 25 points during the summer months.**

### **ARTICLE III: SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. All candidates must meet the scholastic requirements specified in these bylaws. They are then evaluated in their leadership, character, and service.

Section 2. The selection of new members to the Chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council.

- Section 3. A description of the selection procedure shall be published in the Chippewa Herald (the school newspaper) and/or the Student's Handbook.
- Section 4. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society.
- Section 5. The judgment of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to the Chippewa Chapter is final.

#### **ARTICLE IV: DISMISSAL**

- Section 1. The procedure for dismissal shall be determined by the faculty council in compliance with the rules and regulation of the National 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 of their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws though, a member does not necessarily have to be warned. Warnings shall be administered by the chapter

advisor with the approval of the executive committee for the following reasons:

1. Failure to uphold scholarship requirements.
2. Failure to uphold the high standards of membership in the society.
3. Failure to be in attendance at two consecutive meetings.
4. Failure to participate in chapter activities.

- 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 have a right to 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 of disciplinary appeals in the school district.

#### **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
- Section 2. A majority vote cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter and the induction service for new members.

Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and is responsible for the organization of the induction service.

Section 5. The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and a record of all memberships and business.

Section 6. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds for the chapter and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

#### **ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1. The executive committee consists of the officers of the chapter and the chapter advisor.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter, and determine, and perform such other duties as are specified in the chapter bylaws. 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 the chapter activities and procedures follow school policy.

#### **ARTICLE VII: SUPERVISION**

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

#### **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be once every week, with a minimum of three meetings per month, during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal.

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

Section 3. Special meetings, approved by the executive committee, may be called by the president.

Section 4. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the chapter advisor.

Section 5. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised in all points not expressly provided for in this chapter's bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX: OFFICIAL INSIGNIA**

- Section 1. This organization shall have an official emblem selected by the National Council. This emblem shall be uniform.
- Section 2. The distribution of the emblem and the rules for its use shall be under the exclusive control of the National Council.
- Section 3. Each active member, graduate member or honorary member shall be entitled to wear this emblem.
- Section 4. Any member who resigns or is dismissed shall return the emblem and membership card to the chapter advisor.
- Section 5. All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Dr. Reston, VA 22091. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office and may not be copied by anyone.
- Section 6. The motto of the National Honor Society shall be Noblesse Oblige.
- Section 7. The official colors of the National Honor Society shall be blue and gold.

- Section 8. A graduate member may replace a lost emblem by verifying membership to the national office.

## **ARTICLE X: DUES**

- Section 1. Semi-annual dues for chapter members will be \$5.00, not to exceed \$10.00 per year.

## **ARTICLE XI: ANNUAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

- Section 1. Annual chapter activities will be proposed during a regular meeting, and decided upon by majority vote of active members.
- Section 2. To add another annual activity, the chapter members must have a majority vote, and it must be approved by the chapter advisor.
- Section 3. To bypass an annual activity, the chapter members must have a majority vote.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDING THE BYLAWS**

- Section 1. Any active member can propose an amendment to the bylaws by submitting it in writing to the executive committee.
- Section 2. A majority vote of the membership is required for passage.