

Flames Chapter of the National Honor Society

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Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1- The name of this chapter shall be the Flames Chapter of the National Honor Society of Mansfield Christian School.

Section 2- 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 Mansfield Christian School.

Article II: Membership

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

Section 2- Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty, and shall be based upon the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 3- Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must earn eligibility during their sophomore or junior years.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for one year at Mansfield Christian School.
- c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative un-weighted GPA of 3.5. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, character, and spiritual life.

Article III: Selection of Members

Section 1- The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, nonvoting, ex officio member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2- Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter advisor.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership.

Section 3- The selection of new active members shall be held during the first semester of the school year.

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

Section 5- Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 6- Upon request, an active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his or her membership and signed by the principal or chapter advisor.

Section 7- An active member of the National Honor 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, therefore, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his or her membership.

Article IV: Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1- Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be considered for dismissal from the Flames chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his or her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his or her school and community.

Section 2- If a member's cumulative GPA falls below 3.5 un-weighted GPA or 4.0 weighted GPA, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the cumulative GPA remains below the standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which will include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3- If a member fails to perform any of the published obligations of membership, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement. If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which will include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4- Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to; DUI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, accumulated Category 1 offenses as outlined in the Student Handbook, or any Category 2 or Category 3 offense as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Section 5- Category 1 offenders will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council, student, parent, or advisor.) If the member is involved in another Category 1 offense, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 6- In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the advisor or Faculty Council. The member and advisor will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held (see below.)
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member.