

***NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY
T. A. HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL
ARLINGTON, TEXAS***

BY-LAWS OF THE THELMA LYLES CHAPTER

These by-laws are in accordance with the provisions of the National Junior Honor Society Constitution.

ARTICLE I: CHAPTER NAME

The T. A. Howard chapter of National Junior Honor Society is designated as the Thelma Lyles chapter in recognition of Mrs. Lyles' service and dedication to National Junior Honor Society.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship.

ARTICLE III: THE PRINCIPAL

SECTION 1: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

SECTION 2: The principal shall annually appoint chapter advisors who may serve consecutive terms.

SECTION 3: The principal shall be a part of the local school district appeal process for non-selection or dismissal cases.



ARTICLE IV: CHAPTER ADVISORS

SECTION 1: The chapter advisors will be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaisons between faculty, administration, students, parents, and community.

SECTION 2: The chapter advisors will maintain files on membership, activities, and financial transactions.

SECTION 3: The chapter advisors will review each member for compliance with society standard at the end of each six weeks.

SECTION 4: The chapter advisors will help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE V: FACULTY COUNCIL

SECTION 1: The faculty council will consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No principal or assistant principal may be included on the faculty council. One parent may be chosen to represent one of the positions on the council.

SECTION 2: The term of the faculty council will be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

SECTION 3: The chapter advisors will be ex-officio, non-voting members of the faculty council.

SECTION 4: The faculty council will meet on an as needed basis to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases, and also screen applicants for chapter officers.



ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

SECTION 2: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

SECTION 3: The faculty council will reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NJHS advisors (current or previous), or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the NJHS. These would be awarded in an induction ceremony, along with student initiates.

SECTION 4: A NJHS student who transfers from another school must bring a letter from the former principal or a card which officially bears the seal of NJHS. Transfer members must meet the chapter standards on semester in order to retain membership.

ARTICLE VII: SELECTION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: To be eligible for membership, a candidate must be in the 7th or 8th grade.

SECTION 2: Candidates in Grade 7 must meet the following criteria:

A. the student shall have an overall average from all academic and elective classes of 93 or above. This average will be from the first semester of the 7th grade year. The grade must also be attained the fourth six weeks.

B. The student shall have all "E"s and "S"s in conduct. A conduct grade of "N" or



"U" or a failing grade will automatically disqualify a student from selection as a NJHS member.

SECTION 3: Candidates in Grade 8 must meet the following criteria:

A. the student shall have an overall average from all academic and elective classes of 93 or above. This average will be from the first semester of the 8th grade year and the fourth six weeks.

B. The student shall have all "E"s and "S"s in conduct. A conduct grade of "N" or "U" or a failing grade will automatically disqualify a student from selection as a NJHS member.

SECTION 4: The selection of each member to chapter will be subject to approval by the faculty and administration of T. A. Howard Middle School.

A. The students will be selected according to the average criteria.

B. Candidates will be evaluated on scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service by their classroom teachers.

C. Candidates will be ranked according to their point total from the teacher evaluation. The faculty counsel will determine an appropriate cutoff for selection for membership based upon the needs of the NJHS at T. A. Howard Middle School.

ARTICLE VIII: DISMISSAL

SECTION 1: Members (students who have been inducted) will have the right to one probationary period with the exceptions stated in sections six and seven.

SECTION 2: members who have an average below 93 for a six week grading period or who receive an "N" in conduct will be on probation for one six week period. Failure to



improve will send the student to the faculty council to be reviewed for dismissal.

SECTION 3: The advisor will notify the student of the probation. The notification letter will be signed by the student and parents and returned to the advisor.

SECTION 4: The student will have the right to a hearing before the faculty council.

SECTION 5: The student may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the Mansfield ISD.

SECTION 6: If a student receives a "U" in citizenship or a grade below a 70, they will not be allowed to continue membership in the NJHS.

SECTION 7: If a student violates a severe disciplinary rule at T. A. Howard Middle School which would result in a suspension or third party hearing, that student will no longer be eligible for membership. The rules cover student activities outside the classroom, on campus, or at a school-sponsored activity anywhere.

ARTICLE IX: CHAPTER OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The chapter members shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian.

SECTION 2: Chapter members may through written application, apply for an office. The faculty council will review applications and the chapter members will vote the top 3 applicants on in secret ballot. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect a chapter officer. In the event that a member applies for more than one office and is a finalist for more than one office, voting will begin with the highest office first.



ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The chapter advisors will be at all meetings.

SECTION 2: The chapter advisors will call all meetings approximately one time per month.

SECTION 3: T. A. Howard NJHS members are required to attend all meetings and the induction ceremony unless ill or have an excused absence. Absence from the induction ceremony should be pre-approved by the chapter advisors.

SECTION 4: Each project shall have school or community needs in mind. The support of the administration shall be required. All programs will be under the direction of the chapter advisors.

SECTION 5: No dues requirements are placed on members. Members may participate in a fundraiser to promote other projects for the NJHS at T. A. Howard.

ARTICLE XI: OFFICIAL MOTTO AND COLORS

SECTION 1: Motto: Light is the symbol of truth.

SECTION 2: Official colors: blue and white

