

**THE BYLAWS OF THE
NEVADA LEARNING ACADEMY CHAPTER
OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**



ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1- The name of the organization shall be the Nevada Learning Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society

Section 2- The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character. (NHS constitution article I, section 2)

ARTICLE II- STRUCTURE

This society shall consist of a general membership, chapter officers, a five member faculty council, chapter advisor(s), and the principal.

ARTICLE III- POWERS OF THE PRINCIPAL

The Nevada Learning Academy Principal shall choose the advisor(s) in conjunction with the faculty council. The Principal shall choose members of the faculty council in conjunction with the advisor(s). The Principal also has the rights as described by the National Honor Society Constitution.

ARTICLE IV- POWERS OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

The council shall by a majority vote make the annual selection of new general members with input from the entire faculty and staff of Nevada Learning Academy.

ARTICLE V- THE POWERS OF THE Nevada Learning ACADEMY CHAPTER ADVISOR(S)

The advisor(s) shall be teachers Nevada Learning Academy and be chosen by the principal. The advisor(s) shall act as a liaison to faculty and administration. The advisor(s) shall review and prepare member nomination and dismissal information, schedule and supervise meetings, help officers with their specific duties, make decisions, and keep necessary records.

ARTICLE VI- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1- The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president(s), secretary, treasurer, historian, and service chair for a term of one year. The officers and chapter advisor(s) will be referred to as the executive board.

*Section 2- **The President** shall have the following duties:*

- Attend all executive committee meetings
- Run general membership meetings
- Coordinate and participate in service projects
- Oversee all general membership committees
- Prepare with vice-president, secretary, and treasurer the end-of-year reports
- Give a speech on scholarship at induction ceremony

*Section 3- **The Vice-president(s)** shall have the following duties:*

- Attend all executive committee meetings and general membership meetings
- Take duties of president if she cannot fulfill them
- Maintain National Honor Society bulletin board
- Participate in NHS sponsored service projects
- Notify school and local media of all National Honor Society activities
- Prepare end-of-year reports with president, secretary and treasurer
- Give a speech on leadership at induction ceremony

*Section 4- **The Secretary** shall have the following duties:*

- Attend all executive committee meetings and general membership meetings
- Keep detailed minutes of meetings.
- Record member attendance at National Honor Society events and meetings.
- Maintain files of membership and chapter history.
- Remind members of upcoming service projects and participate in NHS sponsored service projects
- Prepare reports as necessary
- Collect and record service cards from members each quarter
- Give a speech on character at induction ceremony
- Prepare end-of-year report with president, vice-president, and treasurer

*Section 5- **The Treasurer** shall have the following duties:*

- Attend all executive committee meetings and general membership meetings
- Participate in NHS sponsored service projects
- In conjunction with advisor(s) keep accurate account records.
- Prepare financial information as needed
- Prepare end-of-year reports with president, vice-president, and secretary.
- Give a speech on service at induction ceremony

*Section 6- **The Historian** shall have the following duties:*

- Attend all executive committee meetings and general membership meetings
- Participate in NHS sponsored service projects
- Photograph events and meetings
- End of year video/slideshow

*Section 7- **The Service Chair** shall have the following duties:*

- Attend all executive committee meetings and general membership meetings
- Participate in NHS sponsored service projects
- Present service projects ideas and results
- Coordinate with STUCO to participate in applicable events
- Organize and track member service hours

*Section 8- **The Public Relations Officers** shall have the following duties:*

- Attend all executive committee meetings and general membership meetings
- Participate in NHS sponsored service projects
- Keep NHS members informed and involved in NHS service projects
- Social Media: Facebook

ARTICLE VII- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

*Section 1- **Candidacy**-* In order to be considered a candidate for office in the National Honor Society, a person must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing for one year and have completed all general membership requirements.
- Adhere to the Nevada Learning Academy National Honor Society behavioral expectations.

*Section 2- **Elections**-* Elections will be held prior to the induction ceremony.

- Elections will be by secret ballot.
- Only National Honor Society members in good standing may cast ballots.
- The President and Vice President of NHS cannot hold an executive office (President and/or Vice President) in the Student Council.
- National Honor Society advisor(s) will tally results.
- Results will be announced within 24 hours of the conclusion of elections.

ARTICLE VIII- DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP AND OBLIGATIONS OF NHS CANDIDATES

*Section 1-**Candidates*** must have completed a minimum of two semesters of high school, including one semester at Nevada Learning Academy.

*Section 2- **Candidates*** must be selected by a majority vote of the NHS Faculty Council based on the criteria from section 3 as interpreted by the Faculty Council.

*Section 3- **The Four Pillars of the National Honor Society*** as applied by the Faculty Council

- **Scholarship**- Candidates must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (the higher of the weighted or unweighted) using 3.000 and above for rounding purposes.
- **Leadership**- Candidates must have performed a leadership role within an organization or in the classroom. A position of leadership is not limited to holding an official or elected office. A leadership role can be verified through the faculty evaluation form.

- **Character-** Character will be evaluated through the faculty evaluation form. Candidates shall adhere to the behavioral expectations as outlined in the Nevada Learning Academy handbook.
- **Service-** Candidates have completed exemplary service (exceeding required hours) to their community prior to application.

ARTICLE IX- OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

The obligations of members of the National Honor Society are as follows:

- Attend regularly scheduled meetings
- Participate in National Honor Society sponsored and sanctioned service projects and other events
- Adhere to the Nevada Learning Academy National Honor Society behavioral expectations and core values.
- Pay yearly dues and fees

ARTICLE X- DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1- Grounds for dismissal include but are not limited to:

- Failure to maintain 3.0 cumulative unweighted GPA for a total of two quarters every year
- Failure to limit all absences to one excused and one unexcused absence per quarter
- Failure to participate in at least 2 committees per year
- Failure to participate in at least 2 big events per year
- Failure to achieve 7 hours of community service per quarter
- Failure to adhere to Nevada Learning Academy behavioral expectations and core values.
- Conduct unbecoming a National Honor Society Member deemed actionable by the National Honor Society advisor(s)
- Member will be dismissed if he/she receives a second probation notice

Section 2- Dismissal process for violations:

- Student is notified in writing of violation
- The advisor(s) meets with the member in person
- Student will remain on probation for one quarter
- Student has right to request a hearing
- The Faculty Council may also call a hearing requesting the presence of the student

ARTICLE XI- BYLAWS

Section 1- The Nevada Learning Academy National Honor Society By-Laws shall be posted on the school website

Section 2 - The Nevada Learning Academy National Honor Society By-Laws shall be reviewed and modified as needed.