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MCINTOSH HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS 2014-15

The McIntosh Chapter of the National Honor Society has been formed and shall exist for the purpose of creating enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulating the desire to render service, promoting leadership on and off campus, and supporting the development of character in the students of McIntosh High School. Membership in NHS is one of the highest honors that can be awarded a high school student. The NHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community.

ARTICLE I, NAME AND PRINCIPLE OFFICE: The name of this organization shall be the McIntosh Chapter of the National Honor Society. The location shall be McIntosh High School, 201 Walt Banks Road, Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

ARTICLE II, PURPOSE: The McIntosh Chapter of the National Honor Society has been formed and shall exist for the purpose of creating enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate the desire to render service, to promote leadership, and support the character in the students of McIntosh High School.

ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the McIntosh Chapter of NHS is open to students in the junior class who have been in attendance at McIntosh High School at least one semester. Annual dues shall be charged being set by chapter advisers of that year. All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote, hold office, and participate in activities. Members must maintain their standing through service and leadership.

ARTICLE IV, SELECTION OF MEMBERS: Selection criteria are based on the national organizations 4 cardinal principles:

1. Scholarship: An un-weighted cumulative GPA of 93.0% or higher, to be maintained during remaining semesters at McIntosh.
2. Leadership: must be active in at least 2 school or community activities and hold an elected or appointed office in one organization and present evidence of leadership in some capacity.
3. Service: served in a minimum of 2 community service projects
4. Character: maintain ethical behavior in school and out of school, no recorded incidents of academic dishonesty, or flagrant disregard for school or community rules. Students may not be involved in the violation of any school or community ordinances. Academic dishonesty will result in immediate dismissal. Failure to maintain outstanding character by upholding county ordinances and laws will result in dismissal from the NHS.

Students who are academically eligible are then notified for further consideration for selection after completing the student forms. The Executive Committee votes on applications and those candidates who meet all requirements and receive a majority of votes are inducted into the chapter.

ARTICLE V, DISMISSAL AND IMMEDIATE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL: Violating your loyalty pledge can lead to dismissal. Members who fail to achieve an un-weighted 93.0% GPA in semesters following their selection can face dismissal. Failing to maintain grades, not completing mandatory service hours, failure to attend meetings or violation of one of the National Honor Society's standards in the NHS constitution are also violations that lead to dismissal. Any NHS member who receives OSS as punishment for an offense will be faced with dismissal.

Dismissal procedures:

1. Receive in writing notification of violation, possible dismissal, and time allowed to correct violation.
2. In all cases of pending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing if a hearing is requested by the students within 48 hours of notification. This is not required for immediate dismissal.
3. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the Faculty Council is required.
4. Students will be notified of faculty council's decision in writing.
5. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision to the principal.

Immediate Cause for Dismissal: Any instance of academic dishonesty will result in dismissal. Any disregard for school or civil laws or ordinances will result in dismissal. Failure to maintain outstanding character by upholding county/city ordinances and laws will result in dismissal from the NHS. Dismissal will be determined by the adviser and the principal. Students will be notified of their dismissal in writing and immediate dismissals are not eligible for appeal in the case of: academic dishonest or unlawful activity.

ARTICLE VI, SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS: Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated by their chapter to compete in the NHS scholarship program. All applications will be reviewed by the faculty council or scholarship committee.

ARTICLE VII, MEETINGS: Quarterly meetings will be held. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the adviser or officers. Members are required to attend 2 meetings a semester. If unable to attend members must notify the adviser 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Students are responsible for regularly checking email for updates and notifications.

ARTICLE VIII, SERVICE PROJECTS: Suggestions for service projects will be received from the general membership. The officers will choose if the chapter will participate or if members will complete hours on their own. Members must complete a minimum of 1 service project equal to 10 hours per semester. The McIntosh chapter will also select their own mandatory service project. Failure to complete service projects will result in dismissal.

ARTICLE IX, MEMBER OBLIGATIONS: It is the responsibility and obligation of all members of the McIntosh Chapter of the National Honor Society to demonstrate scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students will participate in a pledge upon induction. They must uphold their National Honor society pledge. Character is a cardinal principal of the organization. Violations of that cardinal principle will be grounds for dismissal from NHS.

Members must maintain ethical behavior in school and out of school, have no incidents of academic dishonesty, or show any disregard for school or community rules, ordinances, or laws. The students must maintain the standard on which s/he was chosen. Internet postings (MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) must be kept in good character and be clean. For example but not limited to; joining hate pages, making threats, or postings portraying illegal activity. Any of the following reported to the adviser are actions that will lead to investigation and subsequent dismissal.

Members are required to pay dues to cover expenses for induction, certificates, and graduation honor stoles.

ARTICLE X, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The executive committee shall be made up of the officers of the chapter and the chapter adviser(s).

ARTICLE XI, OFFICERS: Officers may be applied for and chosen by the Executive Committee. Officers of the Chapter may include President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

1. President will be responsible for running meetings, keeping an accurate attendance, and maintaining contact with the chapter adviser and officers. Candidates for president should have served in an officer position previously.
2. Vice President will be in charge of creating a contact list and maintaining contact with members. Responsible for meeting if president is absent.
3. The secretary shall keep records of the meetings. The secretary shall be the custodian of the records until the end of his/her term, at which time these records will be turned over to the Chapter Advisor and will be responsible for maintaining records of community service and coordinating our service projects.

I have received and understand the following bylaws for McIntosh High School's chapter of National Honor Society. I understand the chapter's commitment to scholarship, leadership, character, and philanthropy. I understand that violating any aspect of the chapter bylaws will result in dismissal from the National Honor Society.