

*Bridgewater Raynham Regional High School
National Honor Society*



Character Scholarship Leadership Service

Nippenicket Chapter

ARTICLE ONE

Name and Purpose

- Section 1. The name of the chapter shall be the Nippenicket Chapter of the National Honor Society.
- Section 2. The purpose of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in Bridgewater Raynham Regional High School.

ARTICLE TWO

The Faculty Council

- Section 1. The faculty Council shall consist of five voting members appointed for one year terms by the Principal. These terms are renewable indefinitely.
- Section 2. The chapter Advisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council.
- Section 3. The Faculty Council shall meet at least twice a year to select members. The Faculty Council will also meet on cases of probation and dismissal.
- Section 4. The Faculty Council is charged with upholding all standards of the National Constitution.

ARTICLE THREE

Faculty Advisor

- Section 1. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison between the faculty, administration, students, parents, and the community.
- Section 2. The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, and chapter activities. The chapter advisor shall send the annual activities report to the national office.
- Section 3. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance to National Honor Society standards and obligations.

ARTICLE FOUR
Selection of members

- Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, service, leadership, and character.
- Section 2. In order to be considered for nomination to the National Honor Society, potential students must first qualify academically by maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 on the rank value at the end of the first semester of the junior year, second semester of the junior year. This cumulative average will commence at the beginning of the freshman year.
- Section 3. Any student who meets scholastic criteria shall then complete a Student Application Form in its entirety.
- Section 4. The Faculty Council will review the candidate application form on the basis of outstanding character, leadership, and service. The Faculty Council will vote on whether to admit each candidate, with a majority vote needed for admission.
- Section 5. Attendance is considered an important component of the character requirement. Therefore, an excess of eight tardies to school is considered unacceptable.
- Section 6. Any transfer student who is a member of the National Honor Society at the time of transfer will be accepted as a member in the Nippenicket Chapter upon presentation of a letter from the Principal or chapter advisor of the former school. Transfer students must meet the chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership. Any transfer student must attend BR for one full school year and meet the standard in order to be considered for the National Honor Society. The Faculty Council will make a final determination after reviewing the records from the previous school to determine the quality of work to be done prior to transfer.

ARTICLE FIVE
Induction of Members

- Section 1. New members must be inducted into the chapter at a public ceremony. Upon notification of selection into the National Honor Society, students will be notified of the induction ceremony date.
- Section 2. The induction ceremony shall be conducted by the officers and the members of chapter under the direction of the advisor.
- Section 3. The officers and the advisor shall be responsible for conducting and finding a suitable guest speaker for the induction ceremony.

ARTICLE SIX
Chapter Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall, in the highest manner, exemplify the four qualities of scholarship, service, leadership and character. Mandatory officer meetings will be held before each monthly meeting.
- Section 2. Nominations and/or self-nominations for all officers of the local chapter shall be made at the first meeting after the induction ceremony. Election will be by secret ballot. Each nominee shall run for no more than one office.
- Section 3. The President of the chapter shall:
- a. Aid the advisor in directing the affairs of the chapter.
 - b. Officiate at all chapter activities.
 - c. Conduct regular meetings.
 - d. Participate in the induction ceremony.

- Section 4. The Vice-President of the chapter shall:
- a. Serve in the absence of the President.
 - b. Participate in the induction ceremony.
 - c. Announce the date and time of each meeting
- Section 5. The Secretary of the chapter shall:
- a. Tend to the clerical duties, enlisting the help of other members as well.
 - b. Participate in the induction ceremony.
- Section 6. The Treasurer of the chapter shall:
- a. Report necessary financial information as deemed necessary.
 - b. Work with the Advisor on banking needs.
 - c. Participate in the induction ceremony.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Meetings

- Section 1. Meetings of the society will be conducted on the first Thursday of each month. Emergency meetings may be held at any time, as deemed necessary by the officers or the advisor.
- Section 2. Members shall attend all meetings; disciplinary action will result if a member has more than two unexcused absences. If members are unable to attend a meeting, they must notify the advisor as soon as possible.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Probation and Dismissal

- Section 1. Academic Probation
- a. Members who fall below the academic standards which were the basis for selection shall be notified and placed on probation for one semester.
 - b. Failure to return to a satisfactory level may result in dismissal as determined by the Faculty Council.
- Section 2. Disciplinary Probation
- a. Students, who have serious breaches in character, service, or leadership, will be brought before the Faculty Council for a disciplinary hearing. With a simple majority vote, the Faculty Council can put the student on a period of disciplinary probation or recommend dismissal from the chapter. Voting by the Faculty Council will be done privately.
 - b. While on probation, the offending member is expected to rebuild his/her character, service, and leadership qualities. At the end of the probationary period, the Faculty Council will meet again to determine if the student meets the necessary criteria for continued membership in the National Honor Society.
 - c. Students must attend meetings and functions of the chapter while on probation.
- Section 3. Offenses that warrant disciplinary probation include, but are not limited to:
- a. Two unexcused absences from meetings.
 - b. Tardy to School – will be held to the “5-7-8” Rule:
 - Five tardies: Written warning
 - Seven tardies: Placement on probation
 - Eight tardies: Dismissal from NHS
 - c. Failure to participate in any NHS sponsored functions.
 - d. Infractions resulting in two or more office detentions per term.
 - e. Infractions resulting in suspensions.
 - f. Cheating.

- g. Involvement with the law.
- h. Not abiding by the rules and regulations set forth in the Student Handbook.
- i. Any act that reflects poorly on the National Honor Society.

ARTICLE NINE

Service Requirements

- Section 1. A member must be an active contributor to National Honor Society events and fund raisers.
- Section 2. Each member of the NHS must serve as a tutor at the high school as the need arises. Tutoring may be done during ASB, before school, or after school.
- Section 3. The NHS must, as a group, complete a minimum of two service projects.
- Section 4. All members must complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours of individual volunteer work to be completed by March 1st. Members must complete the approved Community Service Form and have it signed by an adult from their volunteer organization.
- Section 5. Members will be given the opportunity, at each meeting, to check in with the Secretary to report their community service hours.
- Section 6. Failure to complete the required hours will result in probation or whatever action deemed fair by the Faculty Council.
- Section 7. Members of the National Honor Society are allowed permanent ASB passes to be used as needed. Students are required to sign in with their ASB teacher as to where they will be during the ASB Block. Abuse of this privilege will result in a loss of the pass and possible disciplinary action.

ARTICLE TEN

Revisions

- Section 1. Revisions in these bylaws may be made by the Faculty Council and the Officers. A majority vote of the Chapter members present at the next meeting will allow for amendments to these bylaws.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Scholarships

- Section 1. Active members may nominate and elect two of their members to represent the chapter as semifinalists in the National Honor Society's annual scholarship program.