

# **Constitution of the Plano Senior High School National Honor Society Edelweiss Chapter**

## **ARTICLE I: NAME and PURPOSE**

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Plano Senior High School NHS Edelweiss Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools (NHS).

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 Plano Senior High School.

Section 3: NHS is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191-1537, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit association.

## **ARTICLE II: POWERS**

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NHS. See [www.nhs.us/constitutions](http://www.nhs.us/constitutions). In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: The chapter advisers are given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal and in compliance with the National Constitution of NHS.

Section 3: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal in accordance with Articles V, Sections 1-4 of the National Constitution.

Section 4: Non-discrimination. Our chapter of NHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex (gender), and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

Section 5: The Faculty Council, consisting of 5 appointed members, shall in cooperation with the Chapter advisers assist in selection, discipline and dismissal of members. No principal or administrator may be a member of the Faculty Council.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the Faculty Council and shall be based on the criteria of Outstanding Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2: 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 3: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 4: Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class of Plano Senior High School.
- b. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale.
- c. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.
- d. An NHS member who transfers to Plano Senior High School from another school and brings a letter from the principal or chapter adviser to the Plano Senior High School Chapter adviser(s) shall be accepted automatically as a member in the Plano Senior High School NHS Edelweiss Chapter. Transfer members must meet Plano Senior High School NHS Edelweiss Chapter standards within one semester in order to retain membership.
- e. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or the benefits of Plano Senior High School NHS Edelweiss Chapter.

### **ARTICLE IV: SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1: To be eligible for membership candidates meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

Section 2: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council which consists of five faculty appointed members. The chapter adviser(s) shall be the sixth or more, non-voting, ex-officio member(s) of the Faculty Council.

## **ARTICLE V: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS**

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Plano Senior High School NHS Edelweiss Chapter. Members shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser(s) and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member does not have to be warned.

Section 2: In all cases of pending dismissal, a member shall have a right to an appeal before the Faculty Council.

Section 3: A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to the principal.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall be co-presidents, member relations coordinator (secretary), membership coordinators, source coordinators and donations coordinator (treasurer).

Section 2: New officers shall be installed in the second semester of each year.

## **ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter and the chapter adviser(s).

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and determine and perform such other duties as are specified in the chapter bylaws.

Section 3: The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

## **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

Section 1: The regularity of meetings will be designated in the chapter bylaws.

Section 2: Special meetings can be called by the co-presidents with approval of the adviser(s).

## **ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES**

Section 1: The chapter shall determine one or more service sources for each year.

Section 2: All members shall regularly participate in these sources.

Section 3: These sources shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well-planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4: Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service source which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter sources to which all members contribute.

Section 5: The chapter shall publicize and promote its sources in a positive manner.

## **ARTICLE X: CHAPTER BYLAWS**

Section 1: The chapter bylaws contain information concerning the election and duties of officers, the schedule of meetings, member obligations, dues, and the like.

## **ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by the executive committee of the Plano Senior High School National Honor Society Edelweiss Chapter.