

KARANKAWA CHAPTER
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL
PORT LAVACA, TEXAS

CHAPTER BYLAWS
EFFECTIVE 2019-2020



Character ♦ Scholarship ♦ Leadership ♦ Service

Karankawa Chapter of the National Honor Society Bylaws
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I. Name and Purpose

1. The name of this chapter shall be the Karankawa Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council for the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.
2. The objective of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Calhoun High School.

II. Membership

1. Admission shall be based upon scholarship, service, leadership, and character.
2. For students who entered Calhoun High School prior to 2019-2020, candidates shall be juniors and seniors, have at least a 95.0 grade point average, and shall have an average of two advanced core courses—mathematics, science, English, social studies, and foreign language—per academic year.
3. Membership of this chapter shall be known as “active” and “graduate.” Graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.
4. All members are expected to pay dues of fifteen dollars each year to maintain membership.
5. All members are expected to purchase an official National Honor Society shirt.
6. Students who transfer from a high school where they withdrew as a member of that school and were a member of that high school’s National Honor Society chapter in good standing are admitted into the membership of this chapter, subject to verification by the faculty adviser.

III. Standards of Conduct

1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Karankawa Chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his or her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership in his or her school and community. Members are held to high standards and must maintain these standards to remain in good standing. Members are expected to:
 - a. Maintain a weighted nine-week average of 90.0 or above.
 - b. Maintain enrollment in at least two advanced core academic classes (as defined in Section II.2)
 - c. Actively participate in community and school events
 - d. Pay yearly membership dues in the amount of fifteen dollars
 - e. Maintain regular attendance in meetings of this chapter.
 - f. Adhere to the Student Code of Conduct for Calhoun County ISD and Calhoun High School
 - g. Refrain from serious misconduct, such as, but not limited to, academic dishonesty, behavior resulting in ISS, suspension, FLEX placement, or expulsion, vandalism or destruction of property, bullying, harassment, hazing, being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possessing or selling a controlled substance, engaging in improper or inappropriate social media conduct, or engaging in any conduct that results in arrests or other legal action
2. The faculty council will meet and determine consequences, up to, and including, possible dismissal as a result of any violation of the standards of conduct outlined above.
3. Violations of the standards of conduct need not occur on school grounds or at school-related events
4. The faculty council may take action against any violation not explicitly outlined in these bylaws, provided the violation goes against the standards associated with membership in the organization.
5. The faculty council may assign disciplinary sanctions they deem appropriate, including removal from office.
6. In all cases of pending dismissal, due process as outlined in the current edition of the *NHS Handbook* will be followed.
7. Any member who resigns or is dismissed will never again be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.
8. Appeals may be made to the campus principal within five days of the disciplinary committee’s decision.

IV. Service Hours

1. Each member shall complete no less than 30 hours of community service every year of membership
2. Credit for service hours begins on the first day of August
3. There shall be a minimum of two checkpoints during the year.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 15 service hours during the first semester. Failure to do so will result in probationary status.

5. Failure to have accumulated 30 community service hours by the designated due date will result in disciplinary action; for seniors, the student not being permitted to wear NHS regalia during his or her graduation ceremony

V. Definition of Service Hours

1. Serving or tutoring immediate family members **does not** count toward service hours.
2. Members **may not** tutor other members of the National Honor Society for service hours unless pre-approved by the faculty adviser.
3. Service hours must be completed outside of regular school hours unless pre-approved by the faculty adviser.
4. Tutoring periods that are built into the student's schedule may count; however, students may only accumulate 15 hours through these class periods.
5. Hours spent practicing **may not** count toward service hours.
6. Members **may not** be paid for service hours.
7. School related activities or school sponsored extracurricular activities **do not** count toward service hours, unless pre-approved by the faculty adviser.
8. All appeals and questions regarding service hours shall be directed to the faculty adviser, who shall have the power to grant exemptions given reasonable circumstances and deem service hours valid or invalid. The faculty adviser's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

VI. Officers

1. Non-graduating members shall elect officers as listed below by a majority vote at the end of the year prior to the induction of new members.
2. Officers shall include:
 - a. President
 - i. Chair each meeting
 - ii. Assist in the planning of club activities and functions
 - iii. Work collaboratively with the adviser
 - iv. Work cooperatively with officers and members
 - b. Vice-President
 - i. Fulfill the duties of president in his or her absence
 - ii. Assist the president and adviser as requested
 - iii. Serve as a public relations figure between the club and other community service organizations
 - c. Secretary
 - i. Take and keep attendance
 - ii. Take notes at each meeting and submit for the official record a copy of meeting minutes
 - iii. Write letters on behalf of the club at the request of the adviser or president
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. Collect dues
 - ii. Give a financial standing report at each meeting
 - iii. Assist in the development of a club budget
 - e. Parliamentarian
 - i. Assure that meetings are conducted in an orderly manner
 - ii. Maintain order of the organization
 - iii. Assist the treasurer in collecting dues as outlined within the bylaws
 - f. Hours Chairperson
 - i. Assist in the planning of service projects
 - ii. Inform members of upcoming service opportunities
 - iii. Keep an accurate, auditable record of service hours for each member

VII. Officer Qualifications

1. No candidate for an officer position shall have been on hours or discipline probation.
2. Each officer candidate must give a short speech of their qualifications for the sought-after position.

VIII. Executive Committee

1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty adviser, the faculty council (when applicable), and the officers of the chapter.
2. The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the executive committee may be subject to review of the chapter.

IX. Supervision

1. The principal of Calhoun High School shall approve the activities of this chapter and oversees the faculty adviser.
2. The faculty adviser reports directly to the Principal and shall supervise all activities of this chapter.
3. The faculty council works collaboratively with the principal and faculty adviser in making decisions about this chapter.

X. Meetings

1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be held at least twice a month during the school year.
2. The faculty adviser may call meetings as required.
3. The president may call special meetings with adviser approval.
4. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the faculty adviser or a member of the faculty selected by the adviser.

XI. Emblem

1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.
2. Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the National Honor Society shall surrender the emblem to the faculty adviser.
3. Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to them as a gift, personal purchase, award, or other source, the title to the emblem rests with the chapter of which he or she is a member; therefore, by motion and order of the faculty council or faculty adviser, operating through the permission of the faculty council, the emblem may be confiscated. Furthermore, each member agrees that his acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmative of the stipulation in regard to the title and semblance of the emblem.
4. All insignia must be procured from the national secretary of the National Honor Society, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091.

XII. Membership Dues

1. Annual dues for each member shall be fifteen dollars. The amount is subject to the approval of the executive committee of this chapter, but may not exceed twenty dollars.
2. If dues are not paid, a member is subject to dismissal.

XIII. Bylaw Amendments

1. This constitution may be amended by the faculty adviser or faculty council as necessary.
2. Amendments shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting.