

Constitution of the
Ross Chapter #11930
of the
National Junior Honor Society
Hamilton, Ohio

Article I
Name and Purpose

- Section 1 The name of this chapter shall be the Ross Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of the Ross Middle School.
- Section 2 The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for superior scholarship; to develop citizenship; to stimulate a desire to serve; to promote leadership; and to instill exemplary qualities of character.

Article II
Membership

- Section 1 Membership in this chapter shall be based on scholarship, character, Leadership, citizenship, and service.
- Section 2 The election of members into this chapter shall be based upon the criteria for membership. Advisors to the chapter will be staff members appointed by the principal.
- Section 3 Membership of this chapter shall be known as probationary and active. probationary members, if they maintain the high standards, may become active members at the end of the third quarter.
- Section 4 Members of the seventh grade class may be chosen as probationary members of the chapter of the National Junior Honor Society if they satisfy all of the requirements. Such probationary members shall voice and vote in the chapter but may not hold office.
- Section 5 Candidates shall have spent at least one quarter in the Ross Middle School, and shall be members of the seventh or eighth grade. Candidates eligible to election as active members of the chapter shall have four consecutive quarters of scholastic average of 3.2 or higher. Subjects to be considered in determining this average include all academic subjects. A 3.0 average is required in special subjects. All students who can rise in scholarship to, or above, such standards levels shall be admitted to candidacy for election to membership.
- Section 6 All members shall be inducted into the Society with impressive and appropriate ceremonies.

Section 7 A member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter upon presentation of a letter signed by his former principal certifying membership. In order to retain membership, a transfer must then maintain the membership requirements for this chapter.

Section 8 A member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his membership, signed by the principal.

Section 9 Any member who falls below the standards used as the basis for his/her election to the Society shall be promptly warned. If, during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet these standards, they will be dismissed.

Section 10 When a member is dismissed, he/she shall be notified in writing and his/her emblem and membership card returned to the advisor or principal. Notice of his dismissal is then indicated in the annual report submitted to the National Secretary at the end of the year.

Article III Faculty Supervision

Section 1 The principal shall appoint a teacher(s) who will serve as the chapter advisor(s).

Section 2 A faculty council of no fewer than three faculty members appointed by the principal will meet with the principal for the election or dismissal of members.

Section 3 All activities of the chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

Article IV Officers

Section 1 The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2 Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting or the National Junior Honor Society and shall not be eligible to succeed themselves.

Section 3 A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officers in this Chapter.

- Section 4 It shall be the duty of the president to preside the meetings. He or she is also charged with the duty of community service events.
- Section 5 The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in the absence of the president. He or she is also charged with the duty of community service events.
- Section 6 The secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings. They shall with Approval of the principal or adviser, certify to the secretary of the National Council the names of those elected to membership during the school year on the annual report submitted each spring to the National secretary.
- Section 7 The treasurer shall, with approval of the advisor, keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in keeping with the policy of the school for handling funds of school organizations.
- Section 8 The historian shall, with approval of the advisor, keep charge of memorabilia, photos, web sites, and any historical documents up to date and organized.

Article V
Executive Committee

- Section 1 The executive committee shall consist of the principal, the chapter advisor, and the officers of the chapter.
- Section 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 shall be subject to review by the chapter, except that members may be dismissed from the chapter for cause by vote of the faculty or faculty council.
- Section 3 The president of the chapter shall act as a chairman of the executive committee or advisor(s).

Article VI
Meetings

- Section 1 There shall be regular meetings of this chapter each school year
- Section 2 Special meetings, approved by the advisor(s) and principal, may be called by the president.
- Section 3 All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the supervision of the principal or chapter advisor(s).

Article VII

Emblem

Section 1 Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the official emblem or insignia of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2 Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the principal or advisor (Article II, Section 10)

Article VIII

Amendments

Section 1 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the executive committee and the faculty or faculty council. The amendment must then be submitted to the National Council for its approval.