

Edgerton High School: National Honor Society

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Howard Day Chapter of the National Honor Society of Edgerton High School.

Section 2: The purpose of this chapter shall be to promote scholarship, service, leadership, and character in the students of Edgerton High School.

Article II: Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as *active* and *graduate*.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter is an honor given to deserving students by the faculty of EHS, and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 3. Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for induction must be members of the junior or senior class.
- b. Candidates must be in attendance for at least one semester at Edgerton High School.
- c. Eligible candidates must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA
- d. Candidates shall then be considered based on service, leadership, and character.

Article III: Selection of Members

Section 1. The selection of members to the EHS chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. The council will consist of five EHS faculty members, whose involvement will be on a rotating basis. Prior to notification of selected candidates, the NHS advisor will review the prospective candidates with the principal.

Section 2. The selection of members to the EHS chapter shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form for further consideration.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official input form provided by the chapter advisor.
- d. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 4. Candidates will become members when inducted at an induction ceremony.

Section 5. An active member of the NHS who transfers from Edgerton High School will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership. An active member who transfers to Edgerton High School will be automatically accepted for membership in the EHS chapter.

Article IV. Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the EHS Howard Day chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the effective standard, he/she will be given a warning and time period for improvement. Similar protocols would be in effect for violations of the EHS code of conduct. If a member is involved in further violations, the member may be dismissed.

Section 3. In all cases pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member has the right to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the faculty council prior to any vote on dismissal. The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the faculty council vote will be presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents.
- d. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.
- e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 4. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary measures upon a member as deemed appropriate.

Article V: Officers

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

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the school year. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. The duty of the president will be to preside at the meetings for this chapter.

Section 5. The duty of the vice-president will be to preside in the absence of the president.

Section 6. The duty of the secretary will be to keep the minutes of EHS chapter meetings.

Section 7. The duty of the treasurer will be to keep a record of chapter expenses.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the EHS chapter shall be monthly.

Section 2. All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings.

Article VII. Activities

Section 1. The EHS chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each school year. All members are expected to participate in these projects.

Section 2. Service projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the school administration and faculty, and be well planned and organized.

Section 3. The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities.

Section 4. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the EHS chapter.

Article VIII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles II, III, and IV, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.