

## **The New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology High School Chapter of The National Honor Society Chapter Bylaws – adopted March, 2024**

ARTICLE 1 – NAME The name of this chapter shall be the New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology High School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS Section 1. This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the NHS National Constitution. Section 2. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal. Section 3. Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal. (See Article V, Section 1 of the National Constitution.) Section 4. Nondiscrimination. 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, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs. Section 3. Eligibility: a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class. b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology High School. c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum weighted cumulative grade point average of 3.25. d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character. e. 25 hours of community service from their preceding school year and/or summer preceding their current school year.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by the chapter adviser. Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second marking period of their junior or senior 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 (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form (i.e. application) for further consideration. c. Student candidates shall be vetted by members of the faculty. If any concerns arise during the vetting process, the faculty council will review and make a decision of acceptance or denial into NHS. Section 4. Candidates become members when

inducted at a special ceremony. Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership. Section 6. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The faculty council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS Section 1. There are currently no annual dues for this chapter. Section 2. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society. Section 3. Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter. Section 4. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor cords or other insignia adopted at the local level at graduation.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be one president and two vice presidents. Vice Presidents may act as secretary; there is no need for a treasurer at this time. Section 2. Student officers shall be elected in the fall of the new 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. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions. Section 5. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service. Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be on an as needed basis. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser. Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order. Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES Section 1. The chapter may determine one or more service projects for each year. Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects and/or volunteer opportunities as requested. Section 3. These projects 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 individual service project(s) which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute. Section 5. The chapter shall publicize and promote its

projects in a positive manner. [Additional projects or activities that make up the annual program for the chapter can be delineated in this Article.]

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the New Brunswick Health Sciences High School chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community. Section 2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected, he /she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter. Section 3. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community. Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, cheating, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal