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ELEANOR DOGGETTE CHAPTER NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY DREHER HIGH SCHOOL

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I. INDUCTION PROCEDURES

A. Requirements

1. Eligible students must be at least first-semester juniors.
2. Each student must have an unweighted grade point average of not less than 3.0.
3. Each student must possess a minimum average of two activities per semester or four per year.
4. Transfer students who have not already been inducted into the National Honor Society at a previous school must attain two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers at their previous school and one (1) personal letter of recommendation from a nonrelative community member (e.g. a sports coach, community leader).
5. Students must exhibit exemplary qualities in the areas of **leadership, service, and character**.
6. Each student must also be reviewed and approved by teachers and faculty.
7. The Executive Board and Faculty Council shall supervise induction eligibility procedures.
8. In the case of an emergency (e.g. natural disaster, pandemic) that affects school attendance for the majority of students, the Executive Board has the authority to make exceptions to any member requirements as long as they are consistently applied to all prospective inductees.

B. Induction

1. There will be a meeting of induction nominees, Chapter President, and sponsor at least one week before the induction ceremony. Nominees shall be granted the option to decline their nomination once informed of National Honor Society duties, up to five days before the ceremony.
2. The Induction Ceremony Committee shall be responsible for all other affairs associated with the induction process (including programs, auditorium arrangements, reception, etc.).

C. Expulsion

1. If, at any time after induction, a member fails to meet the induction requirements (see Article I. A.), the student must be expelled from the National Honor Society.
2. Any student who at any time fails to satisfy the minimum attendance requirements (see Article III) shall be expelled from the National Honor Society by consent of the sponsor.
3. Any student who receives a school suspension or expulsion is subject to a review by the Executive Board, acting under the consultation of the Chapter Sponsor and

school administration. If the student is on the Executive Board, he/she will not be allowed to participate in Board meetings until the matter is settled.

4. Any student who is expelled from the membership of the National Honor Society for any reason must turn in his National Honor Society membership card.
5. Any student who is expelled from the National Honor Society for any reason shall have that fact entered upon his school record.
6. Any student may at any time demand justification for his/her expulsion.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

A. Definition of Official Duties

1. Parliamentarian
 - a. Upholds order during regular meetings
 - b. May be called upon to serve at any time by either the Executive Board or the Sponsor, when enforcement power is deemed either desirable or necessary.
 - c. Member to the Executive Board, and all voting rights included therein.
2. Secretary
 - a. Recognized liaison between Chapter Members, and Chapter and National Administration; responsible for keeping proper attendance records, notifying members of attendance problems, and correspondence between the Executive Board and members.
 - b. Responsible for taking notes of constructive comments and thoughts during General and Executive Board meetings, and typing the agenda for each general meeting.
 - c. Member to the Executive Board, and all voting rights included therein.
3. Historian
 - a. Manages public relations, including social media presences.
 - b. Records the group's activities, collects pictures
 - c. Member to the Executive Board, and all voting rights included therein
4. Vice President for Service Projects
 - a. Assume all duties of President in absence of Chapter President or by rule of incompetence by the Chapter Sponsor.
 - b. Responsible for all service projects undertaken by the Chapter.
 - c. Member to the Executive Board, and all voting rights included therein.
5. President
 - a. Assumes basic presiding power over all meetings and activities.
 - b. Determine all general policies of the Honor Society, within the restriction of the Executive Board and subject to the consent of the Chapter Sponsor.
 - c. Recognized liaison between the Honor Society and the School Administration; responsible for all correspondence implied herein.

- d. Public representative of the Dreher Honor Society, unless otherwise specified by appointment or election.
- e. Overseer to all committees.
- f. The chapter President may not be the President of any other organization concurrently with their role as President of the chapter.
- g. Member to the Executive Board, and all voting rights included therein.

B. Election of Officers

1. Nominations
 - a. Three nominations for each office will be taken by the General Floor; all must be motioned (and seconded).
2. Procedure
 - a. All chapter officials are elected at a designated Honor Society Meeting.
 - b. Election duration is for the next school year.
3. Incompetence
 - a. Any elected official may be removed from office by reason of incompetence as considered by the appointed officials.
 - b. The Chapter President oversees and determines incompetence for all lower officials subject to the consent of the Chapter Sponsor.
 - c. The Chapter Sponsor determines if the President is incompetent.
 - d. Any office vacated by an incompetent officer (note: Article II.A.4.a.) is filled at next General Meeting by an election process similar to the described in Articles II.B.1 and 2.
 - e. Any removed official shall have that fact entered upon his record.
 - f. Any removed official can at that time demand justification for his removal.
 - g. Committee Officials may be removed on similar grounds (See Article II.B.3.b.); in this instance a new Committee Official is appointed.

III. ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

A. Absences

1. More than four unexcused absences over the duration of a member's two-year tenure will result in suspension; two unexcused absences are allowed per academic year. "Unexcused" is defined as an absence from a meeting when a student is present at school and does not have a legitimate reason for not attending.
2. The legality of an excuse shall be judged by the Chapter Sponsor. All decisions are final.
3. All students who are legitimately absent from a meeting are responsible for getting an excuse to the secretary.

B. Projects

1. Failure to participate in an approved Honor Society Project shall result in disciplinary action by the chapter. This may be a fine or a warning towards expulsion.

C. Meeting

1. General Meetings shall be held once a month on a schedule determined at the beginning the school year by Executive Council; however, this is only a general rule and is not always the case. The President and Sponsor may call a General Meeting.
2. Executive Board Meetings shall be held when called by the President or Sponsor.

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

A. Suggestion

1. Any member may suggest a constitutional amendment by writing it on a piece of paper (exactly as it is to be amended) and delivering this to the Executive Board.