



FANNETT-METAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- A. The name of this organization shall be the National Honor Society, William W. Shearer Chapter.
- B. 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 Fannett-Metal Junior-Senior High School.
- C. The NHS, William W. Shearer Chapter shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP).

Article II: POWERS

- A. The Principal:
 1. Shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.
 2. Shall annually recommend advisors to the board, who may serve consecutive terms.
- B. The Chapter Advisor:
 1. Shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.
 2. The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter advisor shall send the annual report to the national office.
 3. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.
 4. The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Article III: FACULTY INVOLVEMENT

- A. A "Faculty Council" shall be formed, consisting of five voting faculty members, appointed annually by the principal.
- B. The Faculty Council & advisor will develop and periodically review all local selection & disciplinary procedures and guidelines.

Article IV: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

- A. Membership in the William W. Shearer chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is based upon thorough evaluation of student scholarship, character, leadership, and service. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. Candidates must have attended Fannett-Metal Senior High School for the equivalent of one semester.
- B. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.5, in grades 9-present to receive an application. Candidates shall then be evaluated based on service, leadership, and character.
- Leadership: Participation in extracurricular activities
 - A total of four activities (in school or out of school)
 - Service: Completion of 30 hours (minimum) of community service (Grades 9-present)
 - Can occur in or outside of school
 - Character: Review of discipline records (Grades 9-Present).
 - If the candidate has served 2 "after school detention" or "in school suspension" the candidate will not be eligible for that school year.
 - If the candidate has served four or more of either "after school detention" or "in school suspension," he/she will not be eligible for membership in NHS during their high school career. Any student having served out-of-school suspension or who has been expelled for any reason during his/her high school career, is ineligible for membership in NHS.
 - Personal character essay
- C. The final selection of members to the chapter shall be by vote of the Faculty Council, based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
- D. Appeals process.

Article V: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- A. Once inducted, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This can be ensured by the following:
- a. Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA, which will be verified after each marking period.
 - b. Attend regular NHS Meetings regularly (These will be announced via morning announcements)
 - An excused note must be provided for missed meetings.
 - c. Participate in both Individual and Group Service Projects
 - Individual Service Project – Minimum 10 hours per year

- Group Service Project – Participation in at least one group project per year
 - d. Participate in the annual induction ceremony.
 - e. Serve as role models through word and action.
- B. Members who resign or are dismissed are ineligible to reapply.

Article VI: DUES & FINANCE

- A. Annual Dues: Each year after their initial induction, members will pay an annual membership fee of \$15 (for certificates, induction ceremony, and club expenses).
- B. Group will participate in two fundraisers per academic school year.

Article VII: DISMISSAL

- A. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. In the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member does not have to be warned. This includes members who have served four or more detentions or in-school detentions, or any out-of-school suspensions or expulsions.
- B. The advisor and principal shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.
- C. Any member who is given disciplinary action will attend a dismissal hearing. During the hearing, the advisors and/or principal will present the charge to the faculty council. The student is present. The faculty council teachers and principal all have a chance to speak and ask questions. The student then has a chance to present his or her side. The student is then excused and waits in the hall. The committee then votes for or against dismissal. (Principals and NHS advisors do not get to vote.) If the students are kept in the NHS, the committee can determine if he/she remains a member but with reservations. The principal dismisses the committee. The advisor stays. The student returns to hear the verdict.

Article VIII: CHAPTER OFFICERS

- A. The officers shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
- a. The President shall meet with the NHS advisor to plan meetings; chair all meetings; make, copy, and distribute the agenda to all members, and serve as the liaison to FMHS administration.
 - b. The Vice President shall assist the President, chair all meetings that the President is unable to attend, and oversee attendance. The Vice President will also plan and implement all fundraising activities.
 - c. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings for a record of all business. The records include attendants, motions, topics, speakers, decisions,

and actions. Additionally, the secretary shall maintain all NHS records regarding community service participation and recording of member service.

- d. The Treasurer shall oversee all financial accounts which includes collecting dues and fundraising monies. The treasurer will keep an accurate account of all monetary transactions and maintain an accurate budget.

Article IX: MEETINGS

- A. There shall be regular meetings during the school year.
 - a. Officer Meetings: 1-2 times per month, unless otherwise decided at discretion of the advisor.
 - b. Member Meetings: 1 time per month, unless otherwise decided at discretion of the advisor.
- B. All members shall notify an officer or advisor prior to meetings when schedule conflicts are present. The member shall be responsible for collecting missed information after the meeting occurs.

Article X: ACTIVITIES

- A. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.
- B. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.
- C. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned and executed.
- D. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in a service project which reflects his or her talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.
- E. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Article XI: AMENDMENTS

- A. Any proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be discussed with NHS officers and advisors, prior to sharing any changes with membership.
- B. Proposed changes to bylaws will be reviewed with voting members and the faculty council prior to a vote to adopt.
- C. Amended bylaws can be put into order by a majority vote of members in good standing.
- D. Sections dealing with revisions to procedures for selection, disciplining, and dismissal of members can be changed only by the faculty council though input from the chapter is encouraged.

