



## **Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School**

### **National Honor Society**

#### **By-Laws**

**2018-2019**

#### **ARTICLE I**

**Section 1: Name**

- The name of this chapter shall be the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

**Section 2: Purpose**

- The goals of this chapter shall be to 1) create an enthusiasm for scholarship; 2) stimulate a desire to render service; 3) promote worthy leadership; 4) encourage the development of character in the students of GNBVT High School, both within its members and within the community at large.

#### **ARTICLE II**

**Section 1: The principal**

- shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.
- shall appoint the chapter advisors.
- shall annually appoint members of the faculty council, who may serve consecutive terms.
- shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection and the discipline or dismissal of members.

**Section 2: The Chapter Advisors**

- shall be responsible for the day to day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison between faculty, administration, students and the community.
- shall maintain files on membership, history, activities and financial transactions.
- shall regularly review each member for compliance of the rules.
- shall serve as a non-voting member of the faculty council.

**Section 3: The Faculty Council**

- shall consist of 5 voting members of the faculty appointed by the principal.
- The term of the Faculty Council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.



- shall meet at least once a year to review the procedures of the chapter and review applications for newly invited members
- shall meet when deemed necessary to review cases involving disciplinary action and dismissal.
- shall develop and revise, when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, discipline, and dismissal of members, all of which must be in compliance with NHS national standards.

### ARTICLE III

#### Section 1: **Selection of Members**

- Juniors and seniors are eligible for membership in the National Honor Society. The induction ceremony is held annually in the fall.
- Eligibility for the National Honor Society is based on four criteria: **scholarship, leadership, service, and character**. To fulfill the scholarship requirement, students must have a minimum weighted GPA (Grade Point Average) of a 3.6. This GPA will be determined by the student's overall academic performance prior to the first day of school of their inducted year. Please note, students can qualify at the start of their junior year. Following notification of eligibility, students must submit the required credentials for consideration by the faculty council. All materials must be submitted by the date to be determined without exception. In order to maintain membership, National Honor Society members are subject to review based on the four eligibility criteria.

#### Section 2: **Membership**

- Membership in the NHS ***is an honor bestowed upon a student; it is a privilege, not a right.***
- Candidates become members when inducted at the official NHS induction ceremony.
- Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or benefits.

#### Section 3: **Member Responsibilities and Good Standing**

- Members will maintain an academic average of 3.6 through their junior and senior year. Any student who fails to maintain an academic average of 3.6 in any quarter will receive a letter of warning indicating possible termination of membership. If his/her academic standing does not improve by the end of the following quarter the student will appear before the faculty council for a panel review. Students whose academic average falls below 3.6 for two consecutive quarters will be subject to dismissal procedures as listed in Article IV.



- Members are expected to **demonstrate high moral character and leadership qualities throughout their period of membership**. It is expected that all members of the National Honor Society will represent themselves and GNBVT High School with dignity and respect for themselves and others. Any member who does not fulfill that expectation in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities will be subject to dismissal procedures. This means that any member who receives a Suspension of any kind will be subject to a dismissal review by the Faculty Council.
- Members are required to attend regular meetings of the National Honor Society.
- **Members will pay a onetime fee of \$10.00.** This payment must be received between the time of notification of acceptance into the organization and the student's induction into the National Honor Society.

#### Section 4: **Service Hours and Projects**

- Members will perform an Individual Service Project during each year of membership in the National Honor Society. This service project will consist of a minimum of ten total hours of service per school year. One of which must be a non-school sponsored project. Students who fail to meet the minimum requirements will be subject to dismissal procedures and/or lose the honor of wearing the NHS cord at graduation. The name and phone number of the contact person on service slips must be completed. Members should bring slips to service events so they can have them filled out right away! **Seniors must complete their Service Requirements by May 1<sup>st</sup> and juniors must complete their service hours by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Members will also participate in one Team Project. Team Projects will be chosen by the officers and announced after the Induction Ceremony. Every member will be required to participate in one of the Team Projects.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Section 1: **Dismissal Procedure**

- Any member who falls below the standard, the basis for selection, will be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisors. Examples of violations include suspension, chronic absence and tardiness, academic dishonesty or a drop in grades below the indicated GPA. The member may be given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws. A member does not have to be warned in writing.
- In all cases of pending dismissal, a member shall be given a hearing before the faculty council.
- For the purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the faculty council is required.
- A member who has been dismissed by the faculty council may appeal the dismissal to the Academic Principal. This must be done in writing within 10 days of the faculty council's decision.



***\*\*This document must be read entirely by all new members and parents or guardians. It is to be signed as a contract in agreement to the above outlined By-Laws of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Please sign below.***

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_