

# **NAHS CONSTITUTION 2022-2023**

## **National Art Honor Society for High School Students**

### **Article I: Name and Purpose**

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the 3rd Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2: The purpose of the chapter shall be:

Inspire and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in art;

Foster excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art;

Further creative abilities and talents of the Society's members, as well as the school's entire student art enrollment;

Aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in an art area;

Bring art to the attention of the school and community;

Increase an awareness of art in relation to other areas of the school curriculum; and

Further aesthetic awareness in all aspects of the school's total program.

### **Article II: Local Chapters**

Section 1: Public, charter, private, and virtual schools, home school networks, and community-based non-profit art organizations are eligible to apply for charter through the National Art Education Association (NAEA)

### **Article III: Membership**

Section 1: Membership in this chapter shall be based upon art scholarship, service, and character.

Section 2: To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must be a high school student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 in this school and have completed a period equivalent to one semester of art in this school.

Section 3: An eligible candidate shall have a minimum scholarship grade of A in all art courses, as indicated on the 9 weeks report card. Interim progress reports do NOT count. This is the national minimum standard of achievement required for eligibility and shall remain fixed.

Section 4: Members must earn a total of 15 points by April 26, 2023. A member receiving less than 15 points in an academic school year will be dismissed from the society.

Section 5: A member may not receive more than 2 grades lower than an A in an academic school year. A member receiving more than 2 grades lower than an A in an academic school year will be dismissed from the society. If a member receives a grade lower than an A on a report card in any art class, they will be placed on probation. Members on probation may have restrictions placed on their activity in the club until such time as they are off probation. They will have until the next 9 weeks grading period to raise their grade. If a member fails to raise their grade to an A, the member will then be dismissed from the Honor Society.

## **Article IV: Selection of Members**

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter of the National Art Honor Society shall be by recommendation from the art faculty of this school who are members in good standing of the National Art Education Association (NAEA).

Criteria used to determine membership selection beyond faculty recommendation shall be set forth in this chapter's bylaws.

Section 2: Any member who falls below the standards that are the basis for selection shall be promptly warned. If during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as basis for selection to the Society, the case shall be passed upon by the chapter council.

Section 3: When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified and the membership card returned to the Society sponsor.

Section 4: An active member of the National Art Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership, signed by the sponsor and principal.

Section 5: An active member of the National Art Honor Society who transfers from this school will be accepted for membership in this chapter.

Section 6: NAEA does not participate in matters of non-selection and dismissal.

## **Article V: Officers**

Section 1: The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, exhibition chairs (2), and event coordinator.

Section 2: a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 4: The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president, and serve as the chapter's program chair.

Section 5: The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file.

Section 6: The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

Section 7: A chapter council shall consist of the chapter president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and the chapter sponsor.

## **Article VI: Supervision**

Section 1: An art faculty member [sponsor] shall be designated to supervise and provide guidance for this chapter on a daily basis.

Section 2: The sponsor shall be a member of the art faculty employed by the school.

Section 3: The post of sponsor shall be voluntarily.

Section 4: The sponsors must be National Art Education Association members in good standing.

Section 5: The activities of this chapter will be subject to the approval of the sponsor and the principal. The principal shall have the final right to approve all activities and decisions of this chapter.

### **Article VII: Meetings**

Section 1: The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held bi-weekly on Thursdays during the school year designated by the chapter council and approved by the principal.

Section 2: The officers of this chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section 3: Special meetings, approved by the chapter council, may be called by the president.

Section 4: All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the supervision of the sponsor.

Section 5: This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

### **Article VIII: Membership Fees:**

Section 1: A yearly NAHS membership fee of \$10 per student shall be forwarded to the National Art Honor Society at the NAEA National Office.

Section 2: A yearly school sponsorship fee is required for each NAHS chapter and entitles the chapter sponsor to all rights and privileges of one active membership including all NAEA members and NAHS chapter benefits. The school sponsorship fee is waived for sponsors who are already active members. Co-sponsors must be active NAEA members.

Section 3: School sponsorship fees and student membership fees may be paid by the individual or school, community group/agency. Fees and registration forms must be submitted to NAEA by the chapter sponsor.

Section 4: School sponsorship and student membership fees are non-refundable and nontransferable.

Section 5: Local chapters may establish and collect annual dues at their discretion for local operating expenses.

### **Article IX: Bylaws**

Section 1: A chapter may wish to include bylaws to amplify selections of its constitution. Bylaws do not need to be approved by the National Council if they are consistent with regulations outlined in the constitution.

Section 2: A current copy of local chapter bylaws must be filed with the NAEA Office.

### **Article X: The National Council**

Section 1: The national council shall be: The Secondary Division Director, the Middle-Level Division Director, and two members-at-large from the general Secondary and Middle-Level membership of NAEA. Members-at-large shall be

appointed by the NAEA President. The NAEA Executive Director shall be an Ex-Officio member.

Section 2: Terms of office for members of the National Council shall be two years.

### **Article XI: Constitution**

Section 1: NAEA reserves the right to amend this constitution based on input from the NAEA staff and the National Council.