



John Folks Middle School

## By-laws

### **Article 1** **Name and Purpose**

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Dr. John Folks Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for superior scholarship; to develop loyal pupil citizenship; to stimulate a desire to faithfully serve one's school, community, and country; to promote trustworthy leadership; and to instill exemplary qualities of character in the pupils of Folks Middle School.

### **Article II** **Membership**

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

Section 2. To be eligible for membership in this chapter, the students must have attended at least one semester in Folks Middle School. Elections may take place during the second semester of attendance.

Section 3. All seventh and eighth grade students who have a minimum scholarship rating of 94% (on a 100 point scale) for the first semester with no unsatisfactory citizenship shall be eligible for candidacy in the Society. Further eligibility shall then be considered on their citizenship, service, leadership, and character as described in Article III of these bylaws.

Section 4. Any member who falls below the standards which were the basis of his/her selection shall be promptly warned. If during the next regular marking period of the school, the member continues to fail to meet the standards used as the basis for his election to the Society, ~~his/her case shall be reviewed by the principal and sponsor (s) of the Society for consideration of dismissal~~ his/her case shall be reviewed by the ~~Faculty Council, with administrative input as appropriate~~, for consideration of dismissal from the National Junior Honor Society. Once a member has been dismissed he/she is never again eligible for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 5. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership requirements in this chapter. The transfer member must maintain the membership requirements of this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

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### Article III Selection Criteria

#### Section 1. Scholarship

- o All seventh and eighth grade students who have a minimum scholarship rating of 94% for their GPA with no unsatisfactory citizenship shall be eligible for candidacy in the Society. **The scholarship standard for this chapter has been established by the Faculty Council in accordance with campus expectations.**

#### Section 2. Character

- o Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- o Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (e.g. cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability).
- o Cooperates by complying with school regulation concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- o Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- o Regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others.

#### Section 3. Citizenship

- o Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations and school clubs.

#### Section 4. Leadership

- o Exemplifies positive attitudes.
- o Demonstrates academic initiative
- o Demonstrates reliability and dependability.
- o Is a leader in the classroom, at work, or in other school or community activities?
- o Is dependable in any responsibility accepted.

#### Section 5. Service

- o Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- o Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- o Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- o Participates in some activity outside of school e.g. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, religious groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor or disadvantaged.

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## Article IV Faculty Council

Section 1. The election of members to this chapter shall be by a faculty council of five faculty members.

Section 2. A rating scale shall be used to aid the faculty council in the selection of members for this chapter. Each scholastically eligible student shall be rated on the basis of citizenship, scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Each of these qualifications shall be given equal weight in the evaluation of the candidate.

## Article V Induction of Members

Members shall be inducted into the Society before an assembly with impressive and appropriate ceremonies.

## Article VI Faculty Supervision

Section 1. All meetings shall be open and shall be held under the supervision of the principal **or** some member of the faculty selected by him/her, to be known as the faculty sponsor.

Section 2. The activities of the chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

## Article VII Executive Committee

Section 1. ~~The Executive Committee shall consist of the principal and/or the faculty advisor(s) and the officers of the chapter.~~ The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter. **The principal and faculty advisor(s) shall serve in an advisory and supervisory capacity.**

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have a general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the Executive Committee shall be subject to review by the chapter, except in the dismissal of members.

Section 3. The president of the chapter shall act as chairman of the Executive Committee.

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## Article VIII

### Meetings

Section 1. There shall be monthly meetings of this chapter during the school year.

Section 2. Special meetings, approved by the Executive Committee, may be called by the sponsor.

Section 3. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, in all points not expressly provided for in the bylaws of this chapter.

## Article IX

### Service Hours

Section 1. Each year the National Junior Honor Society will complete one or more community service projects in which all the members of the chapter are involved.

Section 2. Members will have to complete at least 12 additional hours of community service (6 hours required before winter break and 6 hours before the end of May – during 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Service hour requirements apply to all active members during their year(s) of membership.

Section 3. All service hours must be completed, documented, verified by a supervisor of the activity, and submitted to the chapter advisor(s) by the dates mentioned in section 2.

## Article X

### Dismissal and Discipline

Section 1. If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the Standard in effect when he or she was selected (minimum 94%), he or she will be given a written warning and a time period of one quarter to improve their GPA. A copy of the warning shall be signed by the member and his or her parent and returned to the Chapter Advisor. If the member complies with all membership standards during the next marking period, (s)he will automatically be returned to active status. A member is only allowed to be on probation one time. A member may be placed on

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probation one time for a period of one grading cycle, during which all membership standards must be met.

If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council, which may include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 2. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser or Faculty Council. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning although a hearing must still be held (see below).
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be reviewed by the principal and then, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents, and principal. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
- d. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he or she is no longer a member for that calendar year.

## Article XI Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment(s) **have** been approved by the Executive Committee and the Faculty Council.

Obligations to Membership:

Membership in the NJHS is an honor; in fact, to prove worthy of the honor, members of this national society must meet the following obligations:

1. Service
  - a. Chapter Service Projects- All members will participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects. We will have one group project each semester.

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- b. Individual Service Projects- All members independently complete an additional **12** hours of service- **6** each semester. This service may be completed for a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at **Folks MS**. Furthermore, two of the **twelve** hours completed must be labeled “*campus involvement*”, as each member is required to attend campus events to promote pride on campus.

These service requirements fulfill the annual service hour expectations outlined in Article IX.

2. Scholarship: As an honor society, we have high expectations for academic performance. NJHS members must maintain a **94%** average or higher.
3. Leadership: Members of NJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other **Folks** students.
4. Citizenship: All members comply with school rules. Office referrals, detentions, or suspensions for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.
5. Character: Members of the NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perspective

## Further Obligations:

1. Dues:
  - a. Folks NJHS members are responsible to pay a **\$5.00** membership fee.
  - b. Folks NJHS members are responsible to purchase a NJHS shirt as part of their membership.
2. Meeting Attendance: Members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings. **Meetings shall be held on the last Friday of each month at 8:00–8:30 a.m. or at 4:00–4:30 p.m. Members are expected to attend one meeting.** Members who cannot attend a scheduled meeting must communicate with the chapter sponsors prior to missing. Members who cannot meet obligations may be:
  - a. Eligible for written notification that they are on probationary status.
  - b. If criteria of probation is not met, ~~by members~~ a dismissal process will take place and the member will be asked to resign his/her membership to the chapter.

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## Bylaws Approval Page

These bylaws have been reviewed and approved in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the **National Junior Honor Society** and the expectations of **Dr. John Folks Middle School**.

By signing below, the undersigned acknowledge that these bylaws accurately reflect the standards, procedures, and responsibilities of the Dr. John Folks Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society and authorize their implementation.

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### Principal Approval

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Principal Name

Principal, Dr. John Folks Middle School

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Chapter Sponsor(s)

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Sponsor Name

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Sponsor Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Effective School Year: 20\_\_\_\_\_–20\_\_\_\_\_**

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## NJHS Photo Release Permission Slip

As a parent or guardian of this student, \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby consent to the use of photographs/videotape taken during the course of the school year for publicity, promotional and/or educational purposes (including publications, presentation or broadcast via newspaper, internet or other media sources).

I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.

Highlight Yes, I give consent for Folks MS to photograph my child for school purposes and/or at school events.

Highlight No, I do not authorize Folks Middle School to photograph my child for any event.

Parent Electronic Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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