

East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering Chapter National Junior Honor Society By-Laws

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2: The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in the students of East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon the deserving students by the faculty, and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Citizenship, and Character.

Section 2: Eligibility

- Candidates eligible for election to the chapter must be members of the eighth grade class.
- To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must be in attendance at a Pinellas County School for at least one year.
- Candidates eligible for election to this chapter shall have a minimum of 3.5 cumulative grade point average and no 'N' or 'U' in conduct for sixth or seventh grade.
- Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on service, leadership, and character.
- If a student has been inducted from another school public or private, proof of membership and/or induction must be provided and member must remain in good standing.

Section 3: Dues will be paid by all members in the amount of \$20.00 at the beginning of the school year.

Article III: Selection of Members

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority of the Faculty Council consisting of four faculty members.

Section 2: Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- The Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholarship eligibility and citizenship.
- Students who are eligible scholastically (candidates) and who demonstrate good citizenship shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the application form for further consideration for selection.
- The principal or his/her designee shall be requested to verify that candidates meet academic requirements.
- The Faculty Council shall review the application form in order to determine membership.

Section 3: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Article IV: Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2: If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below 3.5, he/she will be given a written warning and a time period of one grading period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below the standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be dismissed from the chapter. If a student earns an 'N' or 'U' in conduct, he/she will be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 3: If a member misses more than two unexcused meetings, he/she will have membership revoked. Member must contact advisor prior to missed meeting and/or event.

Section 4: Violation of the law or school regulations can result in the dismissal of the member.

Article V: Officers

Section 1: The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and historian.

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected within the first month following induction. All active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members are eligible to vote.

Section 3: A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over the meetings for this chapter. This includes determining an agenda and facilitating the meetings.

Section 5: The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president. The vice-president shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6: The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and an attendance record. The recording secretary shall submit the minutes to the faculty advisor/s for approval.

Section 7: The corresponding secretary shall be in charge of all the correspondence needs of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 8: The treasurer shall be in charge of funds raised and funding issues.

Section 9: The historian shall keep a scrapbook of important National Junior Honor Society events.

Article VI: Executive Committee

Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the Faculty Advisor and the chapter officers.

Section 2: The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3: The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that the chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Frequency of the meetings and day of the meetings will be established yearly by the active membership.

Section 2: All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings. If member is unable to attend meeting, the member must contact adviser prior to meeting. Two unexcused absences will result in dismissal from National Junior Honor Society.

Section 3: The chapter president or other designated student leader may call special meetings approved by executive committee.

Section 4: Chapter shall conduct meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly revised in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution or the chapter by-laws.

Article VIII: Activities

Section 1: The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each school year.

Section 2: All members must regularly participate in these projects. Students are required to participate in projects in some way. Nonparticipation in projects will lead towards dismissal from National Junior Honor Society.

Section 3: These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school and community, have the support of the administration and faculty, and be planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4: Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter project to which all members contribute in some way.

Section 5: Each member must volunteer at least twenty hours and provide evidence of such hours

Article IX: Powers

Section 1: The faculty adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of the chapter activities, as designated by the principal.

Section 2: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3: These by-laws are designed to amplify the provisions of the National Constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the National Constitution in all activities it undertakes.

Article X: Amendments

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter. The amendments must be approved by the Faculty Council and principal.

Section 2: By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Junior Honor Society.