NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

NORTHVIEW’S CHAPTER

ARTICLE XVII

BY-LAWS

1. A. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior

class.

B. Candidates must have been in attendance at Northview High School the equivalent of

one (1) semester.

C. All candidates must have and maintain a cumulative scholastic average (grade point

average) of at least a 3.5.

D. Chapter adviser(s) will give all students meeting the scholastic requirements access to an online application.

E. All candidates are required to complete and submit the application (including the

mandatory essay/paragraphs) within the prescribed time.

F. Completed applications will be reviewed by the five members of the Faculty Council

appointed by the principal.

G. Administration will be given the list of potential applicants to confirm that students are diploma track, have passed any mandated exams that are graduation requirements, and do not have any history of disciplinary problems.

H. The Faculty Council will review all candidates’ application forms as well as

administration comments.

I. The Faculty Council will grant membership to candidates who receive approval

from at least three of the five council members.

J. Candidates may be requested to have a personal interview with the Faculty Council to

discuss their completed application form and paragraphs.

K. The Faculty Council will report the reason that membership was denied to a candidate to the principal.

1. A. Any member who falls below the cumulative scholastic average of a 3.5 shall be

promptly warned in writing (one time by the chapter adviser(s) within a nine-

week grading period) to correct the deficiency. If the deficiency has not been

corrected, the student will be dismissed.

B. Loss of membership for flagrant violation of school rules or civic laws (any breaking

of the law) does not have to be preceded by a warning; dismissal is automatic.

C. Two (2) suspensions (in-school or out-of-school) would constitute an automatic

dismissal.

D. An expulsion from school would constitute an automatic dismissal.

E. Any official disciplinary referral regarding cheating will constitute an automatic dismissal.

F. Being subject to a From 16 (10 unexcused absences) will constitute an automatic dismissal.

G. In all cases of impending dismissals, a member shall have the right to a hearing before the Faculty Council.

H. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council

under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the Clay Community Schools’ policy.

1. A. The officers of this organization shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and

treasurer.

B. The term of office shall be one (1) academic year.

C. The duties of the president shall be those laid down in parliamentary law.

D. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to preside in the absence of the president.

E. The secretary shall keep an accurate account of the attendance of the chapter members,

shall place the approved minutes in each regular and called meeting of the chapter in

the secretary’s book, and shall take care of the correspondence of the chapter.

F. The duties of the treasurer shall be those pertaining to that office. He/She shall work in

cooperation with the school and chapter adviser(s).

G. Any member is eligible for election into office. (School rules regarding the number of

offices a student may hold will, of course, limit eligibility of members holding

offices in other organizations.)

H. Members wanting to be nominated for an office must be nominated by a fellow

member and seconded by another member.

I. The officers of this organization shall be elected by secret ballot.

J. A plurality vote shall be necessary for election.

K. The officers of the club and the adviser(s) shall serve as the Executive Committee of

the chapter.

L. If for any reason an officer is unable to fulfill the duties of his/her office, the Executive

Committee shall make nominations and present them to the chapter to be voted upon.

1. A. The president and adviser(s) shall have the power to call meetings.

B. A faculty adviser must be notified in advance of and be in attendance at each meeting.

C. Two-thirds (2/3) of the membership shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

D. All members will pay $10 dues Dues are payable to the treasurer before

membership induction. (There is an additional fee for seniors wishing to order a National Honor Society stole to wear at graduation.)

E. The chapter shall meet monthly during homeroom or as determined by the adviser(s)

and officers.

F. Excuses for absences from a meeting or an activity must be given to the adviser(s)

(before the absence whenever possible).

G. The second unexcused absence shall automatically bring a warning in writing to the

student from the adviser(s).

H. The third unexcused absence shall automatically constitute a dismissal.

I. All members shall be required to attend the initiation of new members.

1. A. All members are required to complete the mandated number of service hours to be eligible to receive the National Honor Society stole and recognition at graduation.

B. Members who are inducted during junior year are expected to complete 10 hours of service each semester of their senior year.

C. Members who are inducted during senior year are expected to complete five hours of service before one week prior to graduation.

D. Service hours must be submitted to chapter sponsors for approval on the appropriate form and signed by a non-relative who witnessed the service. Any discrepancy that arises about the validity of service hours will be settled by the Faculty Council.

E. Up to 10 hours of service may be accrued during the summer months. Those hours may be applied to either or both semesters but must be submitted to chapter sponsors during the month of August.

F. Any service hours completed during Christmas break will apply to the spring semester.

G. Students who have not completed 10 hours of service prior to the end of the first semester, will be placed on probation, and every one service hour uncompleted will be doubled and added to that individual’s service hour requirement for second semester.

H. Additional service hours from one semester do not carry over to the second semester.

I. Your service is expected to benefit the community at large and not just Northview. Some examples of acceptable service might be volunteering at the humane shelter or a local hospital, volunteering to help coach a sport in a non-paying position, or participating in volunteer opportunities extended by churches such as providing meals or supplies to those in need.

1. Alternation of or addition to the bylaws can be made by a two-thirds (2/3) quorum of

the Faculty Council.