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By-Laws of the Schalick Chapter of the National Honor Society

I. Requirements of Membership

Just as selection is not automatic, neither is continued membership. You must remain a member in good standing in order to graduate with this honor. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Maintaining a maximum of 10 unexcused absences for Junior candidates and 15 unexcused absences for Senior candidates.
2. Maintaining a minimum 91.00% cumulative grade average OR maintaining a minimum of 3.600 weighted GPA.
3. Maintaining a clean discipline record.
4. Remaining active in NHS/service activities:
 - Attend all NHS meetings (*see below).
 - Submit your service hour reports to the secretary. The advisor and officers will review these each month. Non-compliance may result in initiating the removal process.
 - Gain at least 20 hours per year of school-sponsored/coordinated activities.
 - Examples: Induction Ceremony (planning and set-up, not attendance); tutoring; New Student Orientation; mentoring; Interact; sound & lighting at after-hours events
 - Gain at least 15 hours per year of out-of-school-sponsored/coordinated activities.
 - Examples: volunteer at hospital; volunteer coaching; religious service-related organizations; scouts; 4-H; ASPCA; Habitat for Humanity; Big Brothers Big Sisters (independently pursued volunteerism)

5. Maintaining your exemplarily character/leadership abilities.

* Regarding meetings: All meetings, except those which are actual projects, will be brief. Excused absences should be **limited**. To be excused, the member **must** see the advisor prior to that day's meeting, no matter the reason. An excused absence from school means that the absence from the meeting is excused, provided that the member reports to the advisor the day the member returns to school. Excessive unexcused absences from NHS meetings will result in initiating the removal process.

II. Graduation Recognition

Members must remain in good standing with the chapter to ensure NHS recognition at Graduation. This includes, but is not limited to, meeting all deadlines, including service form submission, and fulfilling all Requirements of Membership stated under Section I.

III. Removal Process

If at any time a member fails to meet membership requirements, the following process will be initiated:

Step 1. Advisor will meet with the member and, if appropriate, with one or more NHS officers.

Step 2. If not remedied, a second meeting will be held with the student and advisor to discuss removal/continued membership possibilities. Parents and the principal will be notified. If warranted, the advisor may refer the infractions to the Faculty Council.

Step 3. If the Council believes a dismissal hearing is needed, one will be scheduled and held according to the NHS guidelines (see NHS Constitution). If the Faculty Council determines that a dismissal hearing is warranted, the following occurs:

1. Student and parent(s) are informed and a date is scheduled.
2. Student appears before the Faculty Council to explain his/her actions.
3. Council votes to take action or to not take action.

Any severe infractions (i.e. suspension, academic dishonesty) revoke Step 1 and the process will go immediately to investigation by the advisor to determine if the Faculty Council should be informed.

Step 4. If removed, membership from Schalick's chapter and the national organization is terminated, with no opportunity to reapply. Membership will also be deleted from the student's official high school transcripts.

If a violation of school rules or the law occurs after selection but prior to the official induction ceremony, the Faculty Council reserves the right to revoke the student's membership in accordance with the removal process.

IV. NHS Constitution

These membership requirements are consistent with the national guidelines and reflect the NHS and our chapter's desire to maintain the integrity of membership. Therefore, the Schalick chapter fully accepts and follows the NHS Constitution.

The complete NHS Constitution is available at www.nhs.us