

Renaissance School of Art and Reasoning Chapter National Junior Honor Society Constitution

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Renaissance School of Art and Reasoning Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society or **NJHS**.

Section 2: The purpose of the chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for superior scholarship; to develop citizenship; to stimulate a desire to serve; to promote leadership; and to instill ***exemplary*** qualities of character.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service. Members shall be selected by the Faculty Council as described in Article V.

Section 2: Candidates are eligible for membership in the spring of sixth, seventh and eighth grade year. Students must have attended a LWSD Middle School for a period equivalent to one semester prior to membership application in order to be considered.

Section 3: Candidates must have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative average (semester 1 averages) with no average grade less than a B in order to be eligible for consideration. Candidates must currently be in attendance at Renaissance School of Art and Reasoning and have attended LWSD or another LWSD middle school for the equivalent of one semester in order to be considered for membership in NJHS. These students must have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative average (semester 1 averages) with no average grade less than a B for the required time of attendance.

Section 4: Candidates will be screened for adherence to the LWSD Student Code of Conduct prior to acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society. No student will be admitted to the NJHS if their discipline records of students include a one Level III offense or a Level II offense during the year of application. The Faculty Advisor may deny membership in NJHS based on a student's discipline record in keeping with the national membership criteria of outstanding character, service, leadership, and citizenship.

Section 5: Candidates recognize the need to exhibit service and leadership characteristics while in NJHS and agree to demonstrate service and leadership as specified by the campus.

Section 6: A member of the NJHS who transfers to RSAR from an LWSD school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter, upon presentation of a letter, or a membership card, signed by his/her former principal or sponsor certifying membership. In order to retain membership, a transfer member must then maintain the membership requirements for this chapter.

Section 7: A member of the NJHS who transfers from LWSD will be given, upon request, a letter indicating the status of his/her membership signed by the principal or a sponsor.

Section 8: Students are inducted into the National Junior Honor Society through a suitable induction ceremony. The format of the ceremony is decided at each individual campus. New inductees must participate in the induction ceremony.

Article III: Probation

Section 1: Definitions

Probation is defined as being warned of potential actions that may lead to dismissal. Students on probation for academic, service, or leadership reasons may participate in NJHS activities unless they are otherwise not approved to do so due to disciplinary actions.

Academic Probation is defined as being placed on probation for the next grading period due to the student's nine weeks average (all subjects) for the current school year dropping below 3.5.

Disciplinary Probation is defined as being placed on probation for the next nine weeks grading period for classroom misconduct and/or campus discipline infractions. (See Sections 3 and 4 below.) Conduct probation may include removal from participation in NJHS activities as specified by the Faculty Advisors.

Section 2: Any member whose nine weeks grade average for the current school year drops below 3.5 shall be placed on probation for the next nine week grading period.

Section 3: Any member who is reported for discipline offense after induction will be reviewed by the Faculty Advisors and the Principal. The review may result in either probation or dismissal. Conditions of probation for disciplinary infractions/ classroom misconduct may include removal from participation in NJHS for a time specified by the Faculty Advisors.

Section 5: Members are expected to maintain leadership activities and service to the school/community by documenting **a minimum of 3** hours of community service activities per semester. Verification of such will be submitted to the chapter sponsor according to campus procedure. Failure to fulfill these obligations may result in probation and if not corrected may lead to dismissal.

Section 6: In all cases of probation, a letter of probationary status will be sent to the parents of said member.

Article IV: Dismissal

Section 1: Any member who, after being placed on probation for failure to maintain the proper grade average, does not raise his/her cumulative grade average to 3.5 or better shall be reviewed by the Faculty Advisors for additional probation or possible dismissal.

Section 2: Any member who fails to fulfill leadership and service responsibilities after being placed on probation for such by the Faculty Advisors may be dismissed.

Section 3: Any member who is reported for a discipline offense after induction into NJHS, shall be dismissed.

Section 4: In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to meeting with the Faculty Advisors, and the Principal to discuss the impending dismissal.

Section 5: A member who is dismissed from this chapter is not eligible again for membership in the NJHS.

Article V: Faculty Supervision

Section 1: The principal shall appoint one teachers who will serve as chapter advisors. The chapter advisors shall be responsible for the direct, day to day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students and community in accordance with Article VI of the national construction. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for checking grade, conduct and service records for each member.

Section 2: The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter and shall be governed by Article V and VII of the national constitution.