

**LOUISE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**  
**CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS**

**Article I- Name and purpose:**

**Section 1.** The name of this chapter shall be the LOUISE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.

**Section 2.** The object 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 all students of the Louise Junior High School.

**Article II- Membership:**

**Section 1.** Membership in this chapter shall be based upon Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character as defined in this constitution and its by-laws, and enacted upon by the Faculty Council of this chapter.

**Section 2.** Membership in this chapter shall be known as graduate, active, and provisional. The graduate members do not have a vote. Active members, who are the only ones to have a vote, become graduate members at graduation. Provisional members are those students who are making the transition from Junior High Honor Society membership to High School Honor Society membership. If they maintain those standards, which qualified them for membership in the first place and meet the requirements of the High School Honor Society, provisional members may become active members as Sophomores after their first semester.

**Section 3.** Candidates shall have spent at least one semester at Louise Junior High School, and be members of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or Freshman class.

**Section 4.** Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum scholarship average of 85, or its equivalent and must maintain this level of achievement throughout their active membership status.

**Section 5.** All students who can rise in scholarship to or above the standard may be admitted to candidacy for election to membership in the Junior Honor Society, and their eligibility for membership shall then be considered on their Service, Leadership, and Character.

**Section 6.** Freshman candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall be identified as being on the recommended or distinguished graduation plan and its associated coursework.

**Section 7.** Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall provide written evidence of community participation and activities. Members must provide documentation showing that a minimum of 1 hour of community service per grading cycle with a non-profit organization has been completed throughout their active membership status.

**Section 8.** An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership and signed by the principal.

**Section 9.** An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

### **Article III- Selection of members:**

**Section 1.** The election of members to this chapter of the National Junior Honor Society shall be by a Faculty Council consisting of members of the Louise faculty and the local chapter's advisor, who shall not have a vote. In no case should there be fewer than five teachers, who are to be chosen by the principal to serve on the council.

**Section 2.** Any member of the faculty may propose to the Faculty Council the names of students eligible for membership in the chapter.

**Section 3.** Students, who are identified as candidates through their scholarship, shall be evaluated by the Faculty Council on Service, Leadership, and Character to determine membership into the Junior Honor Society.

**Section 4.** Student candidates shall be invited to become members of the chapter after they have received a simple majority vote from the faculty council.

**Section 5.** Student candidates that are invited to become members of the chapter and elect not to become a member are henceforth ineligible for membership in the Junior Honor Society.

### **Article IV- Dismissal of members:**

**Section 1.** Any member who falls below the standards, which was the basis of his/her election or failed in his/her duties and responsibilities as a member, shall be promptly warned and referred to the Faculty Council for probation, dismissal, or no action by a simple majority of the Council.

**Section 2.** Any member on probationary status failing to meet the standards used as the bases for his/her election to the Society or to fulfill his/her duties and responsibilities by the next regular grading period, shall have his/her case referred to the Faculty Council resulting in dismissal or no action.

**Section 3.** Any member of the Faculty Council may call for a review of an active member's membership status with a majority vote of the Faculty Council and may result in probation, dismissal, or no action.

**Section 4.** A member shall be allowed only one probationary period per occurrence, which may not be compounded or last longer than six-weeks.

**Section 5.** Once a member is dismissed, he/she is never again eligible for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

**Section 6.** When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified in writing and his/her emblem and membership card returned to the advisor or principal. Notice of his/her dismissal must be indicated on the Annual Report submitted to the National Secretary at the end of the school year.

**Section 7.** Any member, who is expelled from school or is assigned to A.E.P or any similar program, shall equal dismissal from the Society.

**Section 8.** Any member, who is on public record for criminal misconduct, shall be dismissed from the Society.

**Section 9.** Any member, who is found guilty of any form of cheating (giving or receiving unauthorized aid in any form) or plagiarism, shall be dismissed from the Society.

**Section 10.** Any member, who is found guilty of skipping school or class without a valid excuse, or has tardies in excess, shall be referred to the Faculty Council for probation or dismissal.

**Section 11.** Any member, who fails in attending the meetings of the Society or to participate in its projects, shall be referred to the Faculty Council for probation or dismissal.

#### **Article V- Officers:**

**Section 1.** The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter.

**Section 2.** A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

**Section 3.** It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter, prepare the agenda, serve as the model to the other members, and ensure participation and cooperation from the membership.

**Section 4.** The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his/her absence and be responsible for the projects of the Society.

**Section 5.** The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. He/she shall, with the approval of the principal or advisor, certify to the National Secretary of the National Council, the names of all members for the current school year on the Annual Report submitted to National Headquarters.

**Section 6.** The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

**Section 7.** The reporter shall be in charge of advertising the projects and meetings of the chapter, as well as issuing press releases and keeping a history of the chapter.

#### **Article VI- Executive Committee:**

**Section 1.** The executive committee shall consist of the chapter officers, the advisor, and a Faculty Council member.

**Section 2.** The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action on the part of the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter's membership.

**Section 3.** All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by an auditing committee appointed by the executive committee of the chapter.

#### **Article VII- Supervision:**

**Section 1.** The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal and the advisor.

**Section 2.** All activities of the chapter require the supervision of an authorized adult.

**Article VIII- Meetings:**

**Section 1.** The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal.

**Section 2.** The officers of the chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

**Section 3.** Special meetings, approved by the executive committee, may be called by the president.

**Section 4.** All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the advisor or some member of the faculty selected by him/her.

**Section 5.** This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

**Article IX- Emblem:**

**Section 1.** Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Junior Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

**Section 2.** Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem.

**Section 3.** Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to him/her as a gift, a personal purchase, an award, or from whatever source, the title to the emblem shall rest with the chapter for which he/she is a member. Therefore, the emblem can, on motion of the council, be commandeered. Furthermore, each member agrees that his/her acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the emblem.

**Section 4.** All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. All insignia registered in the United States Patent Office, and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

**Article X- Dues:**

**Section 1.** The annual dues for each member shall be \$10.00. This amount shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee of the chapter.

**Article XI- Amendments:**

**Section 1.** This constitution may be amended by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the executive committee of the chapter and by the National Secretary of the National Honor Society and that notice to members has been given at least on month prior to the date of the vote.

**LOCAL BYLAWS**

**Amendment 1,** All students seeking membership and current members shall be active participants in UIL Academics, including practices and meets.