

Constitution for Kadoka Chapter of NHS

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Kadoka Chapter of the 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 Secretary.

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 students of the Kadoka School District #35-1.

Article II Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall be based upon Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Once selected, members have a responsibility to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Membership of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.

Section 3. To be eligible for election to membership in the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester in the Kadoka High School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall have a minimum scholarship average of 3.5 or its equivalent on a 4.0 scale. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be required minimum scholastic of achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standards may be admitted to candidacy for election to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.

Article III Election of Members

Section 1. The election of members to the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall be by a chapter council, consisting of the Principal and members of the faculty chosen by the advisor and the principal. In no case should there be fewer than five teachers, who are to exclude the advisor and the principal.

Section 2. Any member of the faculty may propose to the council the names of students eligible for membership in the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 3. Any member who falls below the standards, which were the basis of his/her election to the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, shall be warned in writing by the advisor. If during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as bases for his election to the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, his/her case shall be passed upon by the faculty council. A National Honor Society member must maintain the standards for membership in order to retain his/her membership. A member will be allowed only one warning period. Once a member is dismissed, he/she is never again eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

Section 4. When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified in writing and his/her emblem and membership card and pin 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 5. An active member of the National 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 6. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will automatically be accepted for membership in the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools with a membership confirmation letter from the previous school district. Either the principal or the chapter National Honor Society adviser should sign this letter. The transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools in order to retain his membership.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall be a president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and other positions as stated by the chapter advisor.

Section 2. A majority of votes by all members shall be necessary to elect any officers of this chapter.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 4. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and head standing committees.

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 Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

Section 7. If the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, with the advisor or principal, deems that there be a combined office of secretary/treasurer, the duties stated will also be combined.

Article V Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

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 may be subject to the review of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 3. All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by an auditing committee appointed by the executive committee of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Article VI Supervision

Section 1. The Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall adhere to the guidelines established by the National Council and its constitution.

Section 2. The activities of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

Article VII Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall be held monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal or advisor.

Section 2. The officers of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools 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 principal or some member for the faculty selected by the principal.

Section 5. The Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Article VIII Emblem

Section 1. Each member of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools shall return the emblem. (see article III, section 4)

Section 3. Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to him/her as a gift, a personal purchase of the member, an award, or from whatever source, the title to the emblem (shall) rest(s) with the chapter of which he is a member. The faculty council can, therefore, by a majority vote, request that any member return the emblem. In the case where the emblem can be shown to have been a personal purchase of the member, the Council shall reimburse the member the original cost of the emblem upon its surrender. 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, 1904 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091.

Article IX
Dues

Section 1. The annual chapter dues for each member shall be in an amount not exceeding \$10.00 per year per member. Membership will not be denied because of a student's inability to pay.

Article X
Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the Kadoka Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools executive committee and by the National Secretary of the National Honor Society and that notice to members has been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.