

National Honor Society Bylaws
St. Philip Catholic Central High School

These bylaws are intended to supplement the National Honor Society Constitution and Handbook. In all cases, the Constitution and Handbook shall take precedence, and these bylaws are designed to align with and support those governing documents.

Article I: Name and Purpose

The name of this organization shall be the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). The purpose of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, and develop character in the students of St. Philip Catholic Central High School.

Article II: Governance

This chapter operates in accordance with the National Honor Society Constitution and NHS Handbook. These bylaws are intended to clarify local procedures and expectations.

Article III: Membership Eligibility and Selection

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon students by the faculty and is not considered a right.

Section 2. To be eligible for membership, students must:

- Be enrolled at St. Philip Catholic Central High School
- Have completed at least three semesters of high school
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5

Section 3. Students who meet the academic requirement are invited to complete a candidate application.

Section 4. Selection is conducted by a five-member Faculty Council appointed by the principal.

Section 5. The Faculty Council evaluates candidates based on the four pillars of NHS:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Service
- Character

Section 6. Final selection is determined by majority vote of the Faculty Council.

Article IV: Faculty Council and Adviser

Section 1. The chapter adviser is appointed by the principal and oversees all chapter operations.

Section 2. The Faculty Council consists of five faculty members appointed annually by the principal.

Section 3. The Faculty Council is responsible for:

- Selection of members
- Review of member standing
- Discipline and dismissal decisions

Section 4. The adviser serves as a non-voting member of the Faculty Council.

Article V: Induction

Section 1. Selected candidates become members upon participation in an official induction ceremony.

Section 2. Induction ceremonies are held annually, with timing determined by the chapter.

Article VI: Member Obligations

Section 1. Members are expected to uphold the four pillars of NHS.

Section 2. Members are expected to:

- Attend scheduled chapter meetings
- Participate in chapter service projects
- 10 service hours in addition to the 20 service hours required in Theology classes
- Demonstrate continued academic and behavioral excellence
- If you miss more than 3 meetings, a consultation will need to take place with the advisor

Section 3. Additional expectations may be communicated by the adviser.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1. The chapter meets regularly throughout the school year.

Section 2. Meetings are typically held monthly before school.

Section 3. Meetings are conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. A typical meeting agenda includes:

- Prayer
- Attendance

- Reports (Secretary, Treasurer)
- Announcements
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Article VIII: Officers

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall include:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Section 2. Officer duties:

- President: Presides over meetings
- Vice President: Assumes duties in absence of President
- Secretary: Maintains meeting minutes and attendance
- Treasurer: Maintains financial records

Section 3. Officers must:

- Be current NHS members
- Attend all meetings
- Fulfill responsibilities of their role

Section 4. Elections:

- Candidates must declare interest to the adviser
- Candidates submit a campaign video
- Voting is conducted electronically
- In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be held

Article IX: Dues and Finances

Section 1. The chapter does not require member dues.

Section 2. Chapter expenses may be covered through:

- School funding
- Fundraising activities

Article X: Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1. Members are expected to maintain the standards upon which they were selected.

Section 2. The Faculty Council will review cases where a member falls below expectations.

Section 3. Members will be provided due process in accordance with NHS policies.

Article XI: Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended as needed.

Section 2. Amendments must be:

- Reviewed by the Faculty Council
- Approved by the principal