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ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1.
The name of this chapter shall be the Massasoit 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 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 students of Plymouth North High School.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.
Membership in this chapter shall be based on Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character as described below.

SCHOLARSHIP

Students must maintain a B+ grade point average, a 3.3 GPA.

SERVICE

The student who serves participates in a minimum of three on-going school and/or community service activities totaling a minimum number of eighty (80) hours per year (only hours outside of the school day are counted). Service for any organization counts for a maximum of forty (40) hours. Candidates must demonstrate a variety of service activities. A maximum of two school sports can be considered. However, only one sport can count for 40 hours with the second one counting for a maximum of 20 hours. It is the same situation for visual and performing arts. A maximum of 2 music based activities can be considered. For example, if you are in marching band and Northern Lights, one of those will count for 40 hours and the other for 20 hours. Activities for which you are
paid or compensated with free services, such as free lessons, are not eligible. Taking lessons or participating in a non-school sponsored sport does not count. Activities include but are not limited to:
• Participation in Student Council, Marching Band, DECA, Math Team, Robotics, SADD, Yearbook, Best Buddies, Newspaper, Lit Mag, and any other school sponsored club. (Activities for which students earn a grade and/or take place during the school day are not eligible.) • Representing the school in interscholastic competition. • Participation in a community activity such as: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church/parish groups, volunteer services for organized groups. These activities must be organized community service activities for a non-profit organization.

LEADERSHIP

The student who exercises leadership:
• Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities
• Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
• Is able to delegate responsibilities
• Demonstrates academic initiative
• Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, and conducts business efficiently and effectively
• Demonstrates leadership in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities

CHARACTER

The student of character:
Respects and honors school policies and civil laws
Accepts criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
Upholds principles of morality and ethics
Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
Perseveres in all academic endeavors

SECTION 2.
Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members shall become graduate members upon graduation from Plymouth North High School.

SECTION 3.
Candidates shall have spent at least one full semester at Plymouth North High School and shall be members of the junior or senior class and shall meet eligibility requirements.
ARTICLE III

ELECTION OF MEMBERS / MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.
The faculty council shall consist of five teachers, selected by the Principal. The Principal and the faculty advisor(s) shall serve as ex officio members of the faculty council (they may not vote).

The current faculty council members are:

   Mr. David Clark
   Ms. Melanie Dolloff
   Ms. Brittany Hildebrand
   Mrs. Michelle Lewison
   Mr. Dana Perlow

The faculty co-advisors are: Mrs. Patricia Glynn and Mrs. Jane Burt

SECTION 2.
Prior to the Chapter council vote, the selection procedure will consist of:
   a. review of scholastic eligibility
   b. review of faculty comment on character of eligible students
   c. vote based on scholarship and character to determine those students to be invited for further consideration for selection to the chapter

Those students selected after the above criteria will be informed and invited to submit a completed application along with two letters of recommendation from persons not employed at Plymouth North High School.

The Council will review the student applications and letters of recommendation. A majority vote of the Council will then determine invitations to membership.

SECTION 3.
A National Honor Society member must maintain the standards for membership to remain in the Chapter. Any member who falls below the standards, which were the basis of his/her election, shall be promptly warned of possible dismissal.
   a. Academic standards will be assessed quarterly by the advisor(s) based on overall grade point average. Although a student is never dismissed automatically for failure to maintain academic standards, a written warning shall be issued by the advisor(s). The student shall be allowed only one term to meet the standards to retain membership. A member will be allowed only one warning term prior to a dismissal hearing.
   b. Character, Leadership, and Service shall be assessed based on negative written statements from administration, faculty or staff. In addition, any infraction of school handbook rules or civil law leading to an out of school suspension,
exclusion or expulsion shall be grounds for a possible dismissal from the National Honor Society.

c. If a student fails to maintain standards, the Faculty Council shall hear his/her case. The Council shall fully investigate any possible dismissal case. If the Council determines that the facts warrant consideration for dismissal, the member shall be invited to explain his/her case before the Council and may have present his/her parents/guardian. A majority vote of the Council is necessary to support a decision to dismiss.

d. If the member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, his/her parents/guardian and the principal. The right to appeal the decision of the Council shall fall under the same rules as any other disciplinary action taken in the Plymouth School District. The student must begin the appeal process within five calendar days of notification to dismiss.

e. Once a member is dismissed from membership, or resigns, that member is never again eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

SECTION 4.
When a member is dismissed, the member must be notified in writing that his/her emblem and membership card should be returned to the advisor or principal. Notice of all dismissals 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 which is 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 this chapter. This transfer member must meet, within one semester, the membership requirements for this Chapter in order to retain his/her membership. If the requirements are not met within one semester, the student will be notified of a possible dismissal hearing to be held at the conclusion of the next quarter.

SECTION 7.
The induction of new members will take place no earlier than the second quarter of any given year.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1.
The officers of this Chapter shall be elected from the membership and shall be a president and four (4) vice-presidents. Each shall serve for one full school year.
SECTION 2.
A majority of votes cast by the full membership shall elect an executive board of five students from which the faculty council, the advisors, and the executive board will name the officers.

SECTION 3.
The duties of the officers shall include but are not limited to:

- It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of this Chapter.
- In the absence of the president, the vice-presidents shall fill the chair of the president in his/her absence.
- A vice president shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. A vice president shall also certify to the Secretary of the National Council the number graduated in each class, and the names of those elected to membership in this Chapter.

SECTION 4.
Election of officers shall take place no later than two (2) months after the induction of new members.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

SECTION 1.
The regular meetings of this Chapter shall be monthly during the school year on the second Friday of the month, unless otherwise designated by the advisors. Special meetings will be called if necessary.

SECTION 2.
All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the principal or some member of the faculty selected by him/her.

SECTION 3.
This Chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Roberts Rules of Order, in all points not expressly provided for in the bylaws of this Chapter.

SECTION 4.
Failure to attend regularly scheduled meetings will be grounds for a written warning. Poor attendance, missing more than two (2) meetings, can be grounds for dismissal.
ARTICLE VI

EMBLEM

SECTION 1.
Each member of this Chapter 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 Chapter shall return the emblem.

SECTION 3.
All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office, and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

ARTICLE VII

ACTIVITIES

SECTION 1.
The Chapter shall determine service projects and fundraising events for the school year.

SECTION 2.
All members shall participate in these projects. All members are expected to be active participants in these projects. Failure to participate may result in a written warning and possible dismissal hearing.

SECTION 3.
Chosen projects shall fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.
These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter, provided that the Council has approved this proposed amendment and notice to members has been given at least one month previous to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon. The National Council must approve all amendments.