

# Constitution

## Skyline National Honor Society Club (NHS)

### **Article 1: Name and Purpose**

The name of this club shall be the “Skyline Chapter of the National Honor Society. This club aims to promote enthusiasm for scholarship, create a desire to render service, encourage strong leadership, and develop character in Skyline students.

### **Article 2: Membership**

The three types of members are (active, graduate, and honorary).

**Active Membership:** Members who currently meet the requirements for membership, and are in good standing. Students who transfer from another chapter of NHS may transfer and become active members if they meet Membership Requirements.

**Graduate Membership:** Active members who have graduated from Skyline as a member of NHS in good standing.

**Honorary Membership:** An honorary membership aims to recognize individuals who have managed to achieve under extraordinary circumstances. Students can be recommended to this level by teachers, counselors, or administrators.

### **Article 3: Selection of New Members**

After final grades and GPA calculations have been posted on family access at the end of the first semester, school administrators will review the academic records of all members of the sophomore class. Students who meet the Skyline NHS Eligibility Requirements will be notified and invited to complete an application to join Skyline NHS. Each application will be reviewed by the NHS Executive Board, and candidates who are accepted will be inducted into the Skyline NHS. Inducted candidates will have Active Membership status at the beginning of their junior year.

### **Article 4: Skyline NHS Eligibility Requirements**

1. Candidate must be a student at Skyline High School.
2. Candidate must be a member of the Junior or Senior class.
3. Candidate must have a clear disciplinary record.
4. Candidate must have a minimum of a 3.70 GPA\*

## **Article 5: Membership Requirements**

Students must meet the following requirements in order to retain active membership.

### **Section 1: Basic Requirements**

1. Active members must maintain a clear disciplinary record.
2. Active members must pay membership dues of \$10.00 USD per year.
3. Active members are required to attend all Skyline NHS meetings.

### **Section 2: Academic Requirements**

Active Skyline NHS members must maintain at least a 3.50 GPA\*

### **Section 3: Service Requirements**

Active Skyline NHS members must earn a minimum of 25 community service hours per semester. 2 or more hours must be obtained from Skyline hours—actively assisting Skyline teachers or staff in activities including but not limited to: tutoring peers as recommended by a teacher, grading papers for a teacher, or cleaning up 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue with supervision from a NHS Executive Council member or Skyline staff. The board must coordinate and provide multiple opportunities to obtain Skyline hours.

## **Article 6: Club Officers and Executive Council**

Club Officers will be elected at the end of the second semester of each year before the induction ceremony, and will serve for a term of one year. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the members present. If more than 2 candidates are running for a position, and the first vote does not yield a clear majority, a second vote shall be taken with the top two candidates running.

### **Section 1: Club Officers**

**President:** The President will conduct all meetings, chair The Executive Council, and manage the operations of Skyline NHS.

**Vice President:** The Vice President will assume the responsibilities of the President as needed, and coordinate the operations of Skyline NHS.

**Secretary:** The Secretary will publish all Skyline NHS communications and take detailed minutes at every meeting.

**Director of Finance:** The treasurer will work with the ASB bookkeeper to maintain a balanced budget, keep records of all club transactions, and collect dues.

**Director of Communications:** The Director of Communications (DOC) serves as a public relations officer for the Skyline NHS, and is responsible for contacting and/or attending meetings with advisors, ASB, and administrators, and reporting back to the NHS board. The DOC will also maintain and update club information on the Skyline NHS webpage as well as through social networking tools. The Webmaster will also assist the club with technology related issues. The DOC will be an appointed by the newly elected Club Officers.

## **Section 2: The Executive Council**

The Executive Council will consist of the faculty advisor for Skyline NHS and all of the club officers.

## **Article 7: Probation and Dismissal**

### **Section 1: Probation**

Any member of Skyline NHS who falls below the requirements for maintaining membership listed in Article 5 will be placed on probation for 1 semester. At this point, the member will be reviewed by the Executive Council to determine whether he or she is eligible to be reinstated to active membership. Members on probation who want to continue their membership must meet all membership criteria listed in Article 5 upon review of the Executive Council. Any member on probation who fails to meet all the criteria listed in Article 5 upon review will be dismissed.

### **Section 2: Dismissal**

Any member who fails to uphold the Skyline NHS standards of scholarship, leadership, character, and service will receive a written letter of dismissal from NHS, and will not be allowed to return.

## **Article 8: Amendments to the Constitution**

The constitution and its bylaws are intended to best serve the needs of the Skyline NHS members in the time they were written. The constitution may be amended to better serve the needs of the club as a whole. A proposal must be made citing the specific article and section to be removed, added, or changed. A proponent must present these changes to the Executive Council of Skyline NHS, and must be passed by a majority vote.

- \* Cumulative GPA defined by a 4.0 unweighted scale. In order to be eligible to join Skyline NHS, applicants must have a minimum of a 3.70 GPA to be considered. In order to maintain active membership requirements, NHS members must maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA.