

Chapter By-Laws
of the
Ropes Chapter
of the
Ropes Junior Honor Society (RJHS)
Adopted: January 1, 2019

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Ropes Chapter of the Ropes Junior Honor Society (NJHS) of Ropes Junior High.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be to recognize students for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility, to provide meaningful service to the school and community, and to develop essential leadership skills within the students of Ropes Junior High.

ARTICLE 3: POWERS

- Section 1: The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.
- Section 2: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.
- Section 3: Non-discrimination. Our chapter of RJHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all activities and practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

- Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship and Responsibility.
- Section 2: Eligibility:
 - a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be enrolled in grades 7 or 8. (6th grade is not eligible)

- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to **one semester** at Ropes Junior High and be in good standing when it comes to attendance.
 - c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter:
 - a. The average of semester 2 (previous grade level) and semester 1 (current grade level) grades in ELAR, Science and Social Studies will be a 90 or above.
 - b. Will be on grade level.
 - c. Will have earned an 80 or above in all core subject areas of Math, ELAR, Science, and Social Studies, each six weeks for the current year and for the previous 2 semesters.
 - d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their demonstrated personal responsibility presented on their candidate form.
 - e. Candidates will return all membership forms (interest letter, candidate packet, etc.) within the time period set by the chapter adviser each year. The due dates will be listed on all forms. This demonstrates Responsibility on the part of the candidate. If packets are not returned by the listed due date, then membership will be revoked or denied.
- Section 3: Members are selected to this chapter based on:
 - a. Meeting the guidelines set forth in Section 2a-e.
 - b. Faculty Evaluation Forms
 - Section 4: Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:
 - a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
 - b. Students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Candidate's Forms for further consideration.
 - c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.
 - d. The Faculty Council, with the guidance of the Chapter Adviser, shall review the Candidates' Forms and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.
 - Section 5: The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.
 - Section 6: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

- Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be held as determined or needed.
- Section 2. This chapter shall strive to conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE 6: ACTIVITIES

- Section 1: The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.
- Section 2: All members of the chapter shall regularly participate in these projects.
- Section 3: These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be undertaken in a well-planned and organized manner.
- Section 4: The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE 7: DISCIPLINE of MEMBERS

- Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship and responsibility may be considered for disciplinary actions by the Ropes chapter of the Ropes Junior Honor Society. A member of the Ropes Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing, be responsible in all aspects, and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.
- Section 2: If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the minimum of 90, he /she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement (one six weeks reporting period). If the cumulative grade point average remains below 90 at the end of the warning period (two six weeks in one academic year), the student will be subject to dismissal from the chapter for the remainder of the academic year. If a current member receives a 79 or lower, during a 6 weeks, in a core academic subject, this will be basis for probation and/or suspension of RJHS (even if the cumulative grade point average is an 90 or above). Student will receive a probation letter from the chapter advisor. If a student is enrolled in Algebra I, 10 points will be added to the semester average for that class.
- Section 3: Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or other serious offenses defined in the Ropes School's Student Code of Conduct.
- Section 4: Offenders of the Student Code of Conduct (such as use of profanity, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive a written warning. A

conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in additional violations of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

- Section 5: In all cases of pending dismissal:
 - The member will receive written notification from the advisor/principal indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
 - Members who resign or are dismissed can be reconsidered for membership upon written request to the chapter adviser.

ARTICLE 10: RATIFICATION, REVIEW, and AMENDMENTS.

- Section 1: Ratification: These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a majority affirmative vote of the Faculty Council, and approval by the administration (Faculty Advisor and principal).
- Section 2: Review: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.
- Section 3: Amendments: These by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Faculty Council and Advisor, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are any provisions regarding selection of members and chapter disciplinary guidelines, which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.
- Date: