



## NJHS/NHS BYLAWS

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF DURANGO CHAPTER

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### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be The American School of Durango Chapter of the National Honor Society. and the be The American School of Durango Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose 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 ASD.

### ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NHS and NJHS.

Section 2: This chapter will remain an active member of the state association NASSAP by paying annual dues and participating in state functions when possible.

Section 3. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities.

Section 4: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NHS 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 practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and member of the chapter and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 2. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the freshmen, sophomore, junior, or senior class.
- 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 ASD.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 90 on a 100 scale.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

#### ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by fulfilling the academic requirements.

Section 2. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 3. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The faculty council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

#### ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 3. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor cords at graduation.

#### ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, parliamentarian, historian and treasurer.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions. Section

5. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

#### ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be weekly. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser.

Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to the ASD handbook.

Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

#### ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members 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 well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5. The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

#### ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, or character may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the chapter of the National Honor Society. A member of the National Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community. This will be review by the members of the chapter.