

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1 - The name of this chapter shall be the Carriel Cougar Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of Amelia V. Carriel Junior High School.

Section 2 - 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 citizenship, and to encourage the development of character in students of Carriel Jr. High.

Article II: Membership

Section 1 - Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and honorary. Honorary members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 2 - Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty, and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

Section 3 - Eligibility

A. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be in the second semester of grade sixth, seven, or grade eight.

B. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of 3 quarters at Carriel Jr. High.

C. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum year-to-date GPA of 3.67 out of 4.0. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above such standard by the third quarter of the school year may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership.

D. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

Article III: Selection of Members

Section 1 -The selection of members to this chapter shall be made by the Faculty Council consisting of the chapter adviser, principal, and assistant principal.

Section 2 - Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

A. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.

B. Students who are eligible scholastically ("candidates") will be reviewed by the Faculty Council for their service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

C. Candidates who have the matching criteria to the standards of the NJHS chapter shall be sent notifications of their eligibility and invited to Honor's Night induction.

Section 3 - The selection of new active members shall be held once a year during the fourth quarter of the school year.

Section 4 - Candidates become active members when inducted at the Honor's Night ceremony.

Section 5 - Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 6 - An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his or her membership and signed by the chapter adviser.

Section 7 - An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter with proof of membership. After the member has been accepted to this chapter, the member must maintain the requirements for this chapter in order to retain his or her membership.

Article IV: Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1 - Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, or service may be considered for dismissal from the Amelia V. Carriel chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his or her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his or her school and community.

Section 2 - If, at the end of second quarter, a member's year-to-date GPA falls below the standard in effect when he or she was selected, he or she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement (one school quarter). If the year-to-date GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be dismissed from the chapter.

Section 4 - Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to, stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.

Section 5 - Offenders of the school conduct code (see the school handbook) will receive written warning notification. If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 6 - In all cases of pending dismissal;

A. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the adviser. The member and adviser will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violations of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning.

B. If additional violations of the membership regulations occur, the student will be issued a letter for a probation period or for dismissal from this chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.

C. The decision of dismissal may be appealed to the building principal and adviser.

D. When a student is dismissed for not attaining a 3.67 GPA, failing to meet the required service hours/meeting requirements, or resigns, he or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Article V: Officers

Section 1 - The officers of the chapter shall be president and vice president.

Section 2 - Student officers shall be elected at the second meeting of the school year. All active members of the chapter are eligible to vote.

Section 3 - 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 and vice president to preside at the meetings for this chapter.

Section 5 - The second runner up to the president/vice president shall preside in the absence of the president/ vice president and

shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Article VI: Executive Committee

Section 1 - The executive committee shall consist of the faculty adviser and the chapter officers.

Section 2 - The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1 - Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly.

Section 2 - This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to the rules established at the first meeting of the school year.

Section 3 - All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings. In case of any absences:

A. A member is required to obtain an agenda and check in with the chapter adviser within one week of the meeting.

B. If a member has a prior commitment to the meeting, the member must contact the adviser before the scheduled meeting date or up to one week after the scheduled meeting date. The member will be counted as excused, and the absence will not count against the member.

C. If a member does not obtain a meeting agenda within one week of the meeting date and has not contacted the chapter adviser regarding the absence in the prescribed time, the member will be counted as unexcused for the meeting.

D. Any member accumulating more than three unexcused absences during the year will be dismissed from the chapter.

Article VIII: 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 that 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 its projects in a positive manner.

Article IX: Emblem

Section 1 - Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem adopted by the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2 - Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter. Chapter members who are in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the honor medal at graduation.

Article X: 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 - The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3 - These bylaws are designed to amplify provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof. The chapter is obligated to adhere to the provisions of the national constitution in all activities it undertakes.

Article XI: Amendments

Section 1 - These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles III and IV, which are developed by the Faculty Council.

Section 2 - Bylaws and amendments must be consistent with the constitution of the National Honor Society.