

National Junior Honor Society By-Laws

Libby Cash Maus Middle School

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Libby Cash Maus Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in the students of Libby Cash Maus Middle School.

ARTICLE II

Selection Procedures

Section 1. The Sponsors develop and revise, when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, discipling, dismissal of members.

Section 2. To be eligible for consideration for membership, the candidate must have attended Libby Cash Maus Middle School the equivalent of one full semester. The candidate must also have a semester grade point average of at least 94% in each of their core classes for the current school year. Finally, the student should maintain citizenship grades of "E" and "S".

Section 3. Students will not be considered for membership if they have received any marks against them in citizenship for the current school year. Students who have been assigned to ISS, OSS, or Thursday Night Reflections for the current school year will not be considered for membership in the NJHS.

Section 4. Students meeting these academic and citizenship requirements will then be considered for membership based on service, leadership, and character.

Section 5. A candidate must complete and return the requested information with membership dues to be selected for membership in the NJHS.

Section 6. Attendance at the spring induction ceremony is required.

ARTICLE III

Membership Responsibilities

Section 1. Candidates are required to uphold all standards by which they were selected according to the NJHS By-Laws once they have been notified of qualifying for the NJHS. Once inducted as full members, members must maintain the same standards by which they were selected.

Section 2. Members must maintain an overall average of 94% for each six weeks, with no individual class average below 80%. In the event that a member petitions a grade change from a teacher, it will be the policy of the chapter to honor the grade printed on the report card until official notification is received by the chapter

sponsor. Members must maintain citizenship grades of “E” or “S”. Members must not be assigned to ISS, OSS, or Thursday Night Reflections.

Section 3. Members must complete and turn in to the sponsor at least 10 service hours EACH semester, for a total of 20 hours by the end of the second semester. All service hours must be documented on the correct service hour sheet designated by the sponsor. If a member chooses to complete service hours over the summer, they may use these for the first semester requirement. All other service hours will be counted in the semester in which they are performed.

Section 4. Members must attend all regular and special meetings of the chapter. If you are absent from school on the day of a meeting, it is your responsibility to turn in all service hours to the sponsor on the day you return. Regular meetings will be held each month. The dates will be announced at the beginning of the new year. Failure to attend meetings without prior approval from the sponsor may result in probation or impending dismissal from the chapter. In particular, when a member incurs his/her first unexcused absence from a chapter meeting, he/she will be placed on probation. If there is a second offense, it will result in grounds for dismissal from the NJHS.

ARTICLE IV

Probation, Dismissal and Resignation

Section 1. Members who fail to maintain the academic and/or citizenship requirements stipulated in the Membership Responsibilities section of these by-laws will be placed on probation.

Section 2. A member will be placed on probation upon receiving an “N” or “U” in citizenship. A member will also be placed on probation if his/her overall average falls below 94% or if he/she receives a grade below 80% for any grading period. A member will also be placed on probation for failing to turn in the required number of service hours by the deadlines set by the sponsor. If a member is assigned to ISS, OSS, Thursday Night Reflections, the member will be subject to immediate dismissal.

Section 3. Members on probation will be notified in writing and will not be allowed to participate in chapter activities during the probation period, but will still be required to attend the meetings. The probation period will be for one entire six weeks period.

Section 4. If a member is placed on probation for a second time during the school year, the member is subject to dismissal. The member will be notified in writing by the Sponsors of the right to a hearing to explain any extenuating circumstances related to the second probation. The member also has the right to resign prior to the dismissal.

Section 5. For purposes of dismissal, the member will be notified in writing of the decision by the Sponsors.

Section 6. Resignation from the NJHS shall involve the submission of a written statement by the resigning member that is dated and signed by both the student and his/her parent(s). Verbal resignations are insufficient to end membership.

Section 7. A member who resigns or is dismissed will not be eligible for NJHS the following year.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Once elected as an officer, he/she must abide by all the NJHS By-Laws. In addition, if any officer is placed on probation for any behavioral infraction, academics, citizenship, is tardy for 2 or more required meetings, and/or misses any required meetings, it will be grounds for immediate dismissal as an officer. Officers will also be expected to complete all tasks assigned by the sponsor.

Section 2. If an officer is dismissed from office, the NJHS sponsor will appoint a current officer to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of the current academic year.