
Chapter Bylaws Of the Willie Brown Academy of Young Scholars Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)

Article 1: Name

The name of this chapter shall be Willie Brown Honor Society.

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of this chapter shall be to recognize scholars 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 scholars of Willie Brown Academy of Young Scholars.

Article 3: Powers

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

Section 2: The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 3: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 4: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NEHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member of 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 selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

Article 4: Membership Eligibility and Selection

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving scholars by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship and responsibility.

Section 2: Membership in the chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active members become graduate members upon completion of their elementary school studies at this school. Graduate and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3: Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be enrolled in 4th grade.
- b. The candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Willie Brown Academy of Young Scholars.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter in the previous school year shall have a minimum cumulative grade average of 96%, have maintained a homeroom conduct grade of Excellent and maintained a minimum conduct grade of Satisfactory in PE, Art, Music, and Computer/Technology classes.
- d. Each year those scholars who meet this criterion from the previous school year are invited to complete the Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

Section 4: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by majority vote of the faculty council which consists of faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor is a nonvoting member of the faculty council who facilitates all meetings of the council.

Section 5: Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Scholars' academic records shall be reviewed to determine eligibility.
- b. Scholars who are eligible scholastically and responsibility (i.e. candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Candidate Information Form for further consideration.
- c. The faculty council shall review the Candidate Information Forms and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 6: The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the 1st semester of the school year.

Section 7: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members.

Article 5: 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 Elementary Honor Society.

Section 2: Each member of this chapter is required to purchase a Willie Brown Honor Society shirt.

Section 3: Scholarship

Once inducted, new members are required to maintain a cumulative grade average of 96%.

Section 4: Responsibility

Once inducted, new members are required to maintain conduct grade of Excellent in homeroom and minimum Satisfactory in PE, Computer/Technology, Music, and Art.

Section 4: This chapter will hold monthly meetings. All members must be present for monthly meetings.

Section 5: Service

- a. Members must participate in chapter service projects to benefit the school and community.
- b. This chapter will perform at least one service project in the school year.
- c. It is the member's obligation to participate in and support all chapter projects throughout the year, whether these involve service, fundraising, leadership and training, or other outreach to the school or community.

Article 6 Officers

This chapter will not elect scholar officers.

Article 7: Meetings

Section 1: Meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly. All members must be present for monthly meetings.

Section 2: This chapter shall strive to conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order

Article 8: Activities

Section 1: The chapter shall determine one or more services projects each year. A minimum total of four (4) official activities will be conducted 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 9 Discipline of Members

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship and responsibility may be considered for disciplinary actions by the Willie Brown Honor Society chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society. A member of the National Elementary 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 members's cumulative grade average(96%) or conduct grade (Excellent in Homeroom and minimum of Satisfactory in CAMP classes) falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected, he/she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the grade average or conduct grade remains below standard at the end of the warning period the scholar will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that can include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3: Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration for 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 school's student code of conduct.

Section 4: Offenders of the school conduct code (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 scholar/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:

- a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the faculty council. This will take place prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in the National Constitution). Following the hearing, the faculty council will vote to determine the appropriate disciplinary action. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member.
- c. The results of the faculty council vote will be presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the scholar and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the advisor.
- d. The faculty council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.

Section 6: In lieu of dismissal, the faculty council may impose other appropriate disciplinary measures upon a member.

Article 10: Ratification, Review, and Amendments

Section 1: Ratification

These bylaws will be approved upon receiving two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

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 bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 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 any provisions regarding selection of members and chapter disciplinary guidelines, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.

Date: _____

Adviser: _____

Principal: _____