

NEAHS CONSTITUTION



National Elementary Art Honor Society | For Elementary School Students

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the _____ Chapter of the National Elementary Art Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of the chapter shall be to:

- A. Inspire and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in art;
- B. Foster excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art;
- C. Further creative abilities and talents of the Society's members, as well as the school's entire student art enrollment;
- D. Aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in an art area;
- E. Bring art to the attention of the school and community;
- F. Increase an awareness of art in relation to other areas of the school curriculum; and
- G. Further aesthetic awareness in all aspects of the school's total program.

Article II: Local Chapters

Section 1. Public, charter, private, and virtual schools; homeschool networks; and community-based nonprofit art organizations are eligible to apply for charter through the National Art Education Association (NAEA).

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon art scholarship, service, and character.

Section 2. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must be an elementary school student enrolled in this school and have completed a period equivalent to 1 semester of art in this school.

Section 3. An eligible candidate shall have a minimum art scholarship average of B, or this school's equivalent. This is the national minimum standard of achievement required for eligibility and shall remain fixed.

Section 4. Members may remain active during such time when there is no art on their class schedule.

Section 5. Students enrolled in homeschool on a full-time basis and who meet all other eligibility requirements may be considered for NEAHS membership.

Article IV: Selection of Members

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter of the National Elementary Art Honor Society shall be by recommendation from the art faculty members of this school who are members in good standing of the National Art Education Association (NAEA). Criteria used to determine membership selection beyond faculty recommendation shall be set forth in this chapter's bylaws.

Section 2. Any member who falls below the standards that are the basis for selection shall be promptly warned. If during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as the basis for selection to the Society, the case shall be passed upon by the chapter council.

Section 3. When a member is dismissed, they must be notified and the membership card returned to the Society sponsor.

Section 4. An active member of the National Elementary Art Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of their membership, signed by the sponsor and principal.

Section 5. An active member of the National Elementary Art Honor Society who transfers to this school will be accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain membership.

Section 6. NAEA does not participate in matters of member nonselection or dismissal.

Article V: Officers

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (these could be combined), Historian/Parliamentarian, Chair for Awards and Ceremonies, Chair for Public Relations, and Chair for Activities.

Section 2. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 4. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and serve as the chapter's Program Chair.

Section 5. The chapter Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

Section 7. A chapter council shall consist of the Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chapter Sponsor.

Article VI: Supervision

Section 1. An art faculty member (sponsor) shall be designated to supervise and provide guidance for this chapter on a daily basis.

Section 2. The sponsor shall be a member of the art faculty employed by the school.

Section 3. The post of sponsor shall be voluntary.

Section 4. The sponsors must be National Art Education Association members in good standing.

Section 5. The activities of this chapter will be subject to the approval of the sponsor and the principal. The principal shall have the final right to approve all activities and decisions of this chapter.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held during the school year on days designated by the chapter council and approved by the principal.

Section 2. The officers of the chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section 3. Special meetings, approved by the chapter council, may be called by the President.

Section 4. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the supervision of the sponsor.

Section 5. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

Article VIII: Membership Fees

Section 1. A yearly NAHS membership fee of \$5 per student shall be forwarded to the National Art Honor Society at the NAEA National Office.

Section 2. A yearly school sponsorship fee is required for each NEAHS chapter and entitles the chapter sponsor to all the rights and privileges of one active NAEA membership, including all NAEA member and NAHS chapter benefits. The school sponsorship fee is waived for sponsors who are already active NAEA members. Cosponsors must be active NAEA members.

Section 3. School sponsorship fees and student membership fees may be paid by the individual, school, community group, or agency. Fees and registration forms must be submitted to NAEA by the chapter sponsor.

Section 4. School sponsorship and student membership fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Section 5. Local chapters may establish and collect annual dues at their discretion for local operating expenses.

Article IX: Bylaws

Section 1. A chapter may wish to include bylaws to amplify sections of its constitution. Bylaws do not need to be approved by the National Council if they are consistent with regulations outlined in the constitution.

Section 2. A current copy of the local chapter bylaws must be filed with the NAEA Office.

Article X: The National Council

Section 1. The National Council shall be: the Secondary Division Director, the Middle Level Division Director, and two Members-at-Large from the general Secondary and Middle Level membership of NAEA. Members-at-Large shall be appointed by the NAEA President. The NAEA Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member.

Section 2. Terms of office for members of the National Council shall be 2 years.

Article XI: Constitution

Section 1. NAEA reserves the right to amend this constitution based on input from the NAEA staff and the National Council.

