

William Gilliland NHS
By-Laws
(Revised September 2017)

Purpose

The purpose of the William Gilliland Chapter of the National Honor Society shall be to create motivation and enthusiasm for scholastic achievement, to stimulate a desire to render service to others, to develop and promote leadership, and to strengthen the character in the students of Willsboro Central School.

Meetings

Meetings will be held as necessary and at times most convenient to the members. Meetings will be held at least quarterly during each school year. A meeting may be called by the Adviser, the Faculty Council, the Building Principal, and/or the President. If two or more consecutive meetings are not attended, students will be given a verbal or written warning to show participation is necessary and a letter will go home to the parents.

Elections

Election of officers will be held each school year, no later than October 1st, at the first meeting of the new school year.

Officers

At the first meeting of the school year, candidates for officers may be nominated by any member with a second on the nomination. Officers are elected by a simple majority of those members present, however, a quorum of all members ($\frac{1}{2}$ plus one) must be present to hold a valid election.

PRESIDENT-

Shall preside over all meetings

Shall appoint committee members as necessary

Shall act as spokesperson for the Chapter

Shall make a speech at the Induction Ceremony that school year

VICE PRESIDENT-

Shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President

Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President

Shall chair the "By-Laws" committee for periodic review of the Chapter by-laws (at least every 3 years)

SECRETARY-

Shall maintain minutes and a record of all Chapter meetings and activities

Shall produce for distribution to all members written copies of the minutes

Shall maintain an ongoing file of all current and past minutes, memberships, and correspondence of the Chapter

TREASURER-

Shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, and all other money transactions of the Chapter

Removal of Officers

Should the membership feel that an elected officer is not performing his/her duties as designated in the By-Laws, they may vote to remove such officer. This process requires a written warning provided to the officer at least thirty days prior to the removal vote. Following this period, the officer may be removed by a vote of at least two-thirds of the membership. Should an officer be removed, another election will be held as soon as practical, to select replacement.

Projects/Activities

Each member of the Chapter must complete an approved personal project each year. The National Society Chapter, as a group, must also complete a project each year. Service projects may benefit the school, the community, or other worthwhile organizations in compliance with national guidelines.

Service Hours

Each member of the Society must complete the required twenty hours of community service a year. Each member must complete ten hours by the time of the end of the first school semester and another ten hours by the end of the second school semester. This will be done for each of the years in the Society, service hours will not carry over from one year to the next. If the service hours are not completed by the time of which they are due then a written and verbal warning will be given. If service hours are not completed within a reasonable amount of time which will be voted on by the council or set by the advisor then privileges will be suspended or revoked.

Dues

Each year members will decide on the amount of annual membership dues to be paid. This amount will be \$10 and new Inductees will pay \$1 for each month left in the school year. If dues are not paid by a set period (due date is subject to change from year to year) indicated by the council or advisor privileges of the Society will be suspended or revoked.

New Members

A formal tapping and induction ceremony will be held at least annually to recognize and welcome those individuals meeting the criteria for selection to the William Gilliland Chapter. Criteria will include acceptable Character, Leadership, Service and academic achievement.

Probation of a Member

Any member who fails to maintain a GPA of 85.00% or greater shall be placed on academic probation. The member will have one academic quarter to raise his or her GPA to 85.00% or greater. Failure to accomplish this referral to the Faculty Council for consideration of dismissal. If a member is on the failure list he/she will be on probation until the next marking period. Any member who fails to obtain their service hours (as indicated under the "Service Hours" section of the By-Laws) or fails to attend the required number of meetings (indicated under the "Meetings" section of the By-Laws) will receive a verbal and written warning. Any member who fails to uphold the conditions of the Society may be looked upon by the Faculty Council for consideration of dismissal.

Dismissal of a Member

The goals and standards of the William Gilliland Chapter of the National Honor Society are as critical to the legitimacy of the Chapter's existence and must be upheld. Should a member fail to uphold these standards through one of the following actions, he or she may be dismissed from the Chapter by a recommendation by the Advisor to the faculty, council for review and a vote of at least two-thirds of the faculty council. Reasons for dismissal include: misdemeanor or felony criminal activity, dropping out of school, expulsion from school, severe school discipline problems, continued poor academic performance, not abiding by the By-Laws put forth by the National Honor Society.

- a. The member will receive written notification from the advisor/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 prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council

will then vote on whether to dismiss. 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 student 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.
- e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

By-Laws

Section 1: These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a 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: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within 5 years from the date of approval noted on this document.

Dissolution Provision

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the William Gilliland Chapter shall after all expenses and liabilities are paid, be distributed to such school organizations as shall qualify under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal or State Tax laws.

Non-Inurement

No part of the net earnings or assets of the Chapter shall inure the benefit of any member, advisor, trustee, director, or officer of the Chapter, or any private individual (Except as compensation for services or goods rendered to the Chapter), and no member, advisor, trustee, or officer of the Chapter or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any assets on dissolution of the Chapter.

Restrictive Legislation Provision

No substantial part of the activities of the Chapter shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Restrictive Purposes and Activities Provision

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Chapter is organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literacy, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (But only if none of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment) or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as specified in section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and shall not carry out any activities prohibited for an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 © (3) or any subsequent law.

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Sept. 12, 2017

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