

# South Hunterdon Regional Chapter of the National Honor Society

## Procedure for Dismissal

Members of the South Hunterdon Regional Chapter of the National Honor Society are expected to maintain the superior academic, leadership, service, and character standards upon which they were inducted. Should any student fail to live up to his/her obligation to uphold one or more of these standards throughout the course of his/her membership, s/he may be placed on probationary status and/or dismissed from the Society.

Repeat substandard academic performance (two or more marking periods in which a member's unweighted quarterly grade point average falls below 3.0) will be considered grounds for a verbal and written warning. The chapter advisor will speak privately with the member, and will send a letter home to the member's parents. If the student fails to take reasonable steps (e.g., seeking extra help from the teacher, peer tutoring, professional tutoring, etc.) to improve his/her grade for the following marking period, s/he may be dismissed upon review of the case by the Chapter Faculty Council.

Violation of the law or school regulations can result in automatic dismissal of a member. These violations include, *but are not limited to*:

- Violations of the SHRSD alcohol and drug policy.
- Violations of the law such as assault, theft, unlawful possession of weapons on school property, and unlawful internet misuse.
- Academic dishonesty.
- Destruction of school or others' personal property.
- Excessive minor disciplinary infractions resulting in detentions and/or suspensions for any reason. (Please note that all suspensions of a National Honor Society member will automatically be reviewed.)

In all cases pending dismissal, the member, advisor, and principal will discuss the situation in a private conference. A letter will be sent home to the member's parents. The member and his/her parents have the right to appeal the dismissal and to present his/her defense in person before the Chapter Faculty Council. The Chapter Faculty Council will then vote on whether to uphold or reverse the original decision of dismissal.

The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the principal.

When a student is dismissed from the National Honor Society, s/he may never reapply for membership and gives up all privileges of membership therein. Revocation of membership may also be reported to colleges and universities and may affect admissions status. South Hunterdon Regional High School, its Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff will not be held responsible for the in-good-faith reporting of National Honor Society membership revocation to college and university admissions offices.