

# Homer Community School

Myrtle Jensen 9-12 National Honor  
Society

Howard Lauritsen 7-8 National Junior  
Honor Society

## Program Guidelines

### Program Description:

The Homer Community School has a long and proud history of being apart of and sponsoring both a National Honor Society (NHS) and a National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Program. Both programs will follow the regulations set forth by the national standards and the faculty council.

Myrtle Jensen – Myrtle was a longtime educator in Homer. Homer School's 9-12 National Honor Society is named on her behalf based upon her teaching excellence and her high classroom standards. Myrtle was a role model for all and an outstanding person.

Howard Lauritsen – Howard was a longtime school board member in Homer. He was instrumental in the development of our current school facilities. Howard was described as a board member that encouraged good athletics and even better academics. Homer School's 7-8 Junior Honor Society is named on hi behalf due to his commitment to excellence.

### Duties of the Principal

1. Shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.
2. Shall annually appoint a member of the faculty as chapter advisor.
3. Shall annually appoint a faculty council composer of five faculty members.
4. Shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and disciplining and dismissals of members.
5. The current principal is Mr. Pirner.

### Duties of the Chapter Advisor

1. Shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as a liaison among faculty member, administrations, students, and community.
2. Shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities and financial transactions. The chapter advisor shall send an annual report to the national office.
3. Shall regularly review each member for compliance with Honor Society standards, participation, and obligations.
4. Shall be an ex officio, non-voting, member of the faculty council.
5. Shall be a member of the faculty.
6. The current advisor is Miss Petersen.

### Duties of the Faculty Council

1. Shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. Principals are not allowed to be a member of the faculty council.
2. Shall meet once a year to review the procedures and annual business of the chapter.
3. Shall meet when necessary to address chapter procedures, discipline issues and dismissal procedures need to keep the chapter in compliance with the national guidelines.
4. The current faculty council is Mr. Ferris, Ms. TerWee, Mr. Horner, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Snyder. Alternate members are Ms. Davis and Mrs. Delperdang.

## Membership

1. Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by the faculty and is based upon outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.
2. Candidates become members when inducted.
3. Transfer students who were NHS members in good standing at their previous school will automatically be accepted into Homer's NHS program.
4. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

## Selection of Members:

1. Candidates must be a member of the seventh, eighth, freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior class of the school.
2. Candidates must have attended at least one semester at Homer before their selection.
3. The candidate must have a history of meeting the national and local standards of scholastic achievement. The Homer faculty council has set the minimum standard at a 90% semester average in academic classes.
4. Candidates are then evaluated and rated based upon their leadership, service, and character abilities, past and present.
5. The selection process shall be determined by the faculty council.

## Discipline and Dismissal

1. The faculty council shall determine the procedure for dismissal. All national NHS guidelines will be followed.
2. Members that fall below the standards that were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. In the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member does not necessarily have to be warned.
3. The faculty council will determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.
4. Members may be suspended for a determined amount of time depending upon the infraction.
5. In all cases of pending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council. This is considered due process for all members.
6. For the purpose of dismissal, a majority vote by the faculty council is required.
7. A member that has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

## Meetings

1. Each chapter shall have regular meetings during the school year.
2. Meeting will be scheduled by the chapter advisor.
3. Special meetings may be called as needed.
4. All meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

#### Official Insignia

1. The motto of NHS shall be "Noblesse oblige."
2. The official colors of NHS shall be blue and gold.
3. All insignia must be procured from the national NHS office.
4. Each active member is entitled to wear the NHS emblem. Any dismissed or inactive members must return and not wear NHS insignias.

#### Local Chapters

1. Each chapter shall write by-laws to amplify sections of the NHS constitution and to clarify operating procedures. Chapter by-laws must be approved by the faculty council.

#### Local Requirements

As established by the current faculty council and subject to change:

1. Service – Members are required to complete 30 hours per school year, to be divided equally between school hours and community hours. Members will also help sponsor various projects throughout the year.
2. Leadership – Members are required to attend and participate in scheduled meetings and activities.
3. Academics – Members are required to maintain at least a 90% semester average in academic classes to retain membership.
4. Character – Members must demonstrate high personal standards in the areas of honesty, reliability, tolerance, morality, and ethics.