

St. Cloud High School
National Honor Society
Ergo Urst Chapter
By-Laws

Article I
Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Ergo Urst/St. Cloud High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 2. The object of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of St. Cloud High School.

Article II
Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. Active members become graduate members at graduation. The graduate members have no vote.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be based on Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Section 3. To be eligible for election to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at St. Cloud High School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (out of a 4.0 unweighted grade point average and in a regular education program). This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. All students who can rise to scholarship to or above such standard may be admitted to candidacy for election to membership. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.

Article III
Election of Members

Section 1. The final election of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council consisting of five teachers appointed by the principal. The chapter advisor shall be the sixth, non-voting, exofficio member of the faculty council.

Section 2. Prior to the final election, the following shall occur:

1. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
2. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete the Student Information Form (to be returned on said date) for further consideration.
3. The faculty shall be requested to comment on candidates determined to be scholastically eligible. (These are not chosen by the student.)
4. The Student Information form and faculty comments shall be reviewed by the faculty council.

Section 3. The election of active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.

Section 4. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership and signed by the Principal.

Section 5. An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. (When they can show proof of membership elsewhere in a Senior High School chapter.) This transfer member will attain within one semester and then maintain the membership requirements of this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

Article VI
Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the faculty advisor and the chapter officers.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

Article VII
Activities

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3. These projects shall have the following characteristics: Fulfill a need within the school and/or community, have the support of the administration and the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible and be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility of choosing and participating in a service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

Section 5. Each member shall be required to get a minimum of twenty (20) community service hours per semester. Eight (8) of these hours should be NHS related. The remaining twelve (12) hours may be obtained from other club's projects, etc.

Section 6. The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

Article VIII
Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter will be announced.

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

Article IX
Emblem

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Article X
Dues

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$10.00.

Article XI
Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws 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.

Section 2. By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.