



## **Erie Mason National Honor Society Member Contract**

To be a member in good standing upon graduation from Mason High School and to be officially recognized by the National Organization, a member of the Erie Mason Chapter of the National Honor Society must abide by the rules as written in the bylaws of the National Organization, the Erie Mason NHS Bylaws, and the rules as presented below by the Mason High School Faculty Council.

### **Grade Point Average**

In addition to abiding by the rules, the required cumulative grade point average of 3.40 must be maintained. Probation will result if the GPA falls below this requirement. A member has until the end of the following trimester to return the cumulative GPA to 3.40. Failure to do so will result in a dismissal by the Faculty Council. The cumulative GPA includes the final semester before graduation.

### **Member Rules**

The Mason High School Faculty Council will base its decision for continued individual membership on the rules listed below:

1. All members must attend the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.
2. Each member must attend 90% of the meetings, September through May. There is one special meeting prior to the induction in March and special meetings may be called through the year as necessary. There is a minimum of 10 meetings per year. Therefore, only one absence can be excused. Attendance is determined by being present at the time of roll call and remaining until the adjournment of the meeting.
3. The NHS Advisor, Mrs. Bell, must excuse any absence prior to the meeting. An exception to prior notification is illness during the day of the meeting. The advisor must be notified as soon as the member returns to school. Failure to notify the advisor will result in an unexcused absence.
4. All members must participate in one chapter-approved community service project during the year.
5. In the event of a violation of school rules (e.g. in-school or out-of-school suspensions) or a violation of state and federal laws, a member need not be put on probation, but can be dismissed by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. A hearing with the Faculty Council will take place before any such dismissal.

A verbal warning and/or a written letter from the advisor will inform members who fail to meet the criteria, indicated above, of potential disciplinary action (probation or dismissal).

### **Violation of Rules – Probation and/or Dismissal**

Any violation of the chapter rules and all bylaws will result in either probation or dismissal from the National Honor Society. Members who are placed on probation will have their status regularly reviewed by the Faculty Council. A member on probation must regain good standing status before graduation. If the Faculty Council recommends that the probationary status should be rescinded or a dismissal should be considered, the member will be informed.

In the event of a recommendation for dismissal, the Faculty Council will conduct a hearing. The member will be informed in writing of the date, time, and location of a hearing with the Faculty Council. The member has the option of attending the hearing. The decision of the Faculty Council is final. If the Faculty Council dismisses a member, they cannot be reinstated the following year(s).

It is the responsibility of the member to inform their parents or guardian of their membership standing, probationary status, or any hearing that may result in dismissal from the organization.

If you feel that you are unable to meet the obligations of the Mason High School National Honor Society, you may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Advisor.