
Peru High School Chapter of the

Science National Honor Society



Chapter Constitution

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Article I Name

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Peru Central School District Science National Honor Society

Article II Purpose

Section 1. This chapter shall:

Be affiliated with and fulfill the objectives of the Science National Honor Society, Inc.

Encourage and recognize scientific and intellectual thought.

Advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science.

Communicate with the scientific community.

Aid the civic community with its comprehension of science.

To establish science as a strength of the academic program of Peru High School.

To improve public knowledge of Peru students' science work, improve community connections, and incorporate local issues into our scientific study

To improve students' college awareness through exposure to interesting, dynamic experiences that include local college talents.

To use inquiry-based projects to increase interest in upper level science by utilizing high school science faculty members as research mentors.

Article III Membership

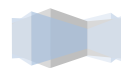
Section 1. Membership is open to all students at Peru Central School. To qualify for membership a student must meet SNHS standards and standards of this chapter:

A member must be in either eleventh or twelfth grade upon induction.

A member must be enrolled in at least one honors level science class during or prior to their eleventh grade year, and enrolled in at least two honors level science classes by their twelfth grade year. Exceptions to this policy will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

A member must maintain an 85 average across all science courses.

A member must maintain behavior that is acceptable according to Peru Central School District's disciplinary policies.





The annual individual member dues paid to the chapter will not exceed five dollars. These dues may be used for chapter activities.

A student may be dismissed if he/she violates the standards, obligations, or ideals of the Science National Honor Society. This includes violation of grade, behavioral, or meeting attendance requirements. Grounds for dismissal will be evaluated and acted upon by the faculty advisors of the SNHS.

Section 2. Selection of Members will be completed annually as follows:

Eligible tenth- and eleventh-graders who wish to be members during their eleventh or twelfth grade years must complete an application, complete with two letters of reference (Teacher Evaluation Forms), at least one of which must be from a science faculty member at the high school level.

Students will be evaluated for membership based on the afore-mentioned standards and application by the faculty advisors of the Peru Central School District Science National Honor Society.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be president, secretary, and treasurer.

Any member that wishes to run for chapter officer must express their intent verbally or in writing prior to the election.

To be elected to office, a student must be an existing member in good standing according the standards outlined above and must have one year of prior membership in the SNHS. If there are no qualified candidates for any of the positions, then any member in good standing is eligible and may submit letters of intent.

Each office shall have a term of one school year. (September to June)

A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter, announce all crucial future events that involve the participation of the club, update the elected secretary with any announcements or news that need to be included in the schedule for upcoming meetings. Also, the president must maintain a close and professional contact with a school administrator about pending club events including, but not limited to: completing the suitable paperwork for use of any school property if needed and notifying about any fundraisers, etc., and notify club advisors of all data that is relevant to the progression and existence of the club.

The chapter secretary shall meet with the president to plan a specific agenda for future meetings of the club, record the minutes of the meetings, assist the treasurer with the counting and depositing of club funds after major fundraisers, notify the club advisors of all information regarding the club.





The treasurer shall assume the duties of the president if he or she is not present or unable to fulfill his or her own duties, count and deposit the club's funds by filling out the correct paperwork and receiving the correct and authentic club advisors' signatures, maintain an accurate ledger of financial activities, notify the club advisors of all information regarding the club.

An officer may be relieved of his/her duties if he/she does not fulfill the responsibilities of the position as outlined in this Constitution. Grounds for dismissal will be evaluated and acted upon by the faculty advisors of the SNHS. In the case of an officer being removed, qualified members will have 1 week in which to submit letters of intent for the position and then a special election will be held.

Article V Finances

Section 1. Finances for the Peru Central School District Science National Honor Society will be the responsibility of the elected club treasurer. The person holding the position of treasurer will be responsible for counting, depositing, and withdrawing funds only by the club and advisor's approval. Club advisors will oversee all actions dealing with the finances of the club's funds. All funds must be deposited within 24 hours after collection.

All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization "Extraclassroom Activity Account Central Treasurer." As discussed in Article II, dues shall not exceed five dollars annually, and may be used for chapter activities.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Peru Central School District Science National Honor Society shall take place at least monthly, with dates to be agreed upon by the body of members present at the prior meeting.

Members must attend at least 60% of scheduled meetings.

Attendance will be taken, and records maintained by the elected secretary.

Quorum is defined as $\frac{2}{3}$ of the active members, including majority of officers, and is required for a meeting to proceed.

Article VII Chapter Activities

Each member of the chapter will, as its required annual project, perform research with a faculty advisor and present their research at the annual Champlain Valley Regional Science Fair, held in April of each year.

The purpose of this project shall be to pursue the national objectives of the SNHS.

The members of the SNHS shall comprise and maintain this club at Peru Central School.





This chapter shall attempt to bring speakers from the scientific community into the school.

Article VIII Amendments and Ratifications

Section 1. Any amendments or ratifications made to this constitution must be presented to the club as well as the club advisors during regular meetings, to be voted upon at the next meeting. All members must vote on the amendment or ratification. All amendments and ratifications must receive a 2/3 vote to be official.

