

SAMPLE BYLAWS FOR LOCAL CHAPTER

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be HOSA, **(your school)** Chapter.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The purposes of this organization are:

1. To unite in a common bond without regard to race, creed, or national origin students enrolled in Health Science Education class or classes.
2. To develop leadership that is competent and self-reliant.
3. To improve scholarship and develop skills that will enable young men and women to participate effectively in health science education.
4. To create more interest and understanding in the intelligent choice of health careers.
5. To engage in individual and group projects of a _____ nature.
6. To recognize outstanding leadership in _____.
7. To create school loyalty and help preserve the principles of democracy.
8. To develop leadership in _____.

(Purpose statements are illustrative only -- additions/deletions may be made.)

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. SD HOSA is chartered by the Board of Directors of the National HOSA to provide for state-wide Coordination of the HOSA program.

Section 2. This Chapter is open to all students interested in a career in healthcare at **(your school)**.

Section 3. The **(your school)** HOSA Chapter is supported by our local administration and is led by elected student officers.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any dues paying student interested in a healthcare career.

Section 2. Any dues paying professional in the community who would like to partner with the chapter.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the **(your school)** Chapter shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Historian. They shall constitute the Chapter's Executive Committee. Other officers may be designated as desirable.

Section 2. The program coordinator(s)/instructor(s) associated with the health science program shall be Advisor(s) to the Chapter.

Section 3. Officers of the Chapter shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote at the beginning of the school year.

Section 4. In any other circumstances, the election of officers shall follow parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. One business meeting shall be held on the **(day)** of every month during the fiscal year.

Section 2. Additional meetings shall be called when necessary.

Section 3. The Executive Committee meetings will be held at time specified by the President and the local Advisor.

Section 4. The rules contained in *Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern meetings to which are applicable.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees will be established as needed.

Section 2. Special committees (ad hoc) may be established as needed.

ARTICLE VIII - CONFERENCES

Section 1. The **(your school)** HOSA chapter will encourage members to participate at the Fall Academy, and State Leadership Conferences.

ARTICLE IX - COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Section 1. The **(your school)** HOSA chapter will administer the HOSA Competitive Events Program.

ARTICLE X - GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Section 1. The governing authority of the **(your school)** HOSA chapter is the **(your school district)**

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote at any regular chapter meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the officer team or any chapter member. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least 60 days before the next regular meeting. All proposed amendments must be submitted by SD HOSA to the chartered Chapters at least 30 days prior to the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTIONS