



Bylaws of Rotary's Greene County High School Interact Club

ARTICLE I — Name

The name of this organization shall be the Interact Club of Greene County High School

ARTICLE II — Purpose and Goals

The purpose of the Greene County High School Interact Club is to provide opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

The goals of Interact include but are not limited to the following:

- To recognize and develop constructive leadership and personal integrity.
- To encourage and practice thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others.
- To create an awareness of the importance of home and family.
- To build respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual.
- To emphasize acceptance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success, community improvement, and group achievement.
- To develop life skills which include self-development, time management, and personal finances.
- To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve society.
- To provide opportunities for gaining increased knowledge and understanding of community, national, and world affairs.
- To open avenues of personal and group action leading to the advancement of international understanding and goodwill toward all peoples.
- To incorporate and to practice the use of the six pillars of character development: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

ARTICLE III — Sponsorship

The sponsor of the Greene County High School Interact Club is the Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam counties which, through a committee of not less than five Rotarians or their designee, shall exercise supervision and control over all activities, programs and policies of this Interact club. The continued existence of this Interact club shall depend upon the continued active personal participation of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam counties. This club is not a part of, and neither this club nor its members have any rights or privileges with respect to, the sponsoring Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam counties.

ARTICLE IV — Standards of Membership

Standard of Membership in the Greene County High School Interact Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the national Interact Handbook, and in all cases, must be approved by the principal of Greene County High School.

The grade levels from which members may be drawn shall be nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12). Nominees for membership must meet the following requirements: good character and leadership potential with no behavior infractions pending, a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and be on track for graduation. Additionally, nominees are required to submit an evaluation (Appendix 1) which may include suggestions for student improvement. The sponsoring Interact Club of Greene and Putnam Counties may make additional / supplemental recommendations for membership requirements.

Membership will automatically terminate when a student withdraws from or graduates from Greene County High School; or, termination may result from lack of attendance of club meetings as well as lack of participation in organized club events. If the student re-enrolls or applies for re-admission, the application process will start from the beginning with any and all applicable membership fees due as in a new membership.

Each GCHS Interact Club member shall attend at least 60% of the club's regularly scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE V – Board of Directors Meetings

The board of directors of the GCHS Interact Club shall meet not less than twice monthly. No meeting of the board shall be deemed official unless a member of the Interact committee of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties is in attendance. Meetings of the board of directors may be cancelled during holiday or vacation periods at the discretion of the board of directors, with the approval of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties.

ARTICLE VI— Club Membership Meetings

The GCHS Interact Club shall meet not less than twice per month, at a time designated as the regular meeting date and at a place suited to the convenience of the members, with due regard for their school obligations. Meetings of the GCHS Interact Club may be cancelled during holiday or vacation periods at the discretion of the board of directors, with the approval of the sponsoring Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties.

ARTICLE VII — Officers and Directors

Election for officers of the GCHS Interact Club will be held annually one (1) month prior to the end of the school year. Nominations of officers shall be made either in writing or from the floor. Candidates shall be voted upon at the regular meeting following the meeting at which nominations are made or voting shall be by secret ballot at a ballot box. Candidates receiving a majority of the votes of the members present and in good

standing shall be elected. Newly elected officers will take office at the termination of the current school year in which they are elected.

Officers elected will include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and directors. The number of club elected directors shall not be less than two (2) who will serve with the directors designated by the sponsoring Interact Clubs of Greene and Putnam Counties.

ARTICLE VIII — Duties of Officers

President: The president shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and the board of directors. He or she shall, with the approval of the board of directors, appoint all standing and special committees and, in the event of a vacancy in the board of directors, shall, with the approval of the board, fill such vacancy by appointment until the next regular election of the club. The president shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

Vice-President: The vice-president shall succeed to the office of president in the event of the removal of the latter for whatever cause, and, in the absence of the president, shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board.

Secretary: The secretary shall maintain all club record and shall keep minutes of all meetings of the club and board of directors.

Treasurer. The treasurer shall have custody of all club funds, maintaining all necessary records, and depositing all such funds as required by Greene County School System board policy. He or she shall make all disbursements under procedures determined by the board of directors. He or she shall report the club's financial status at each meeting of the club, and shall hold all records available for inspection by any club member.

Board of Directors: The board of directors shall be the governing body of the club. It shall make an annual report to the club to apprise all members of the club's operations. It shall hold regularly scheduled meetings which shall be open to the attendance of any club member in good standing. Members attending such meetings, however, shall not address the meeting except with the permission of the board.

ARTICLE IX — Fees and Dues

The admission fee for new members shall be \$5.00. Annual dues shall be \$5.00 per member. All fees and dues must be paid before a member will be considered in good standing.

ARTICLE X — Committees

The president, with the approval of the board of directors, shall appoint the following standing committees:

- *International Understanding.* This committee shall be charged with primary responsibility for devising ways and means of engendering international understanding among the members, in the school and community, and in all other

areas. It shall have the duty of initiating and planning one major activity in its field each year which shall involve all or most of the club membership.

- *Service.* This committee shall have responsibility for devising at least one major service project annually, other than international, which shall involve all or most of the membership.
- *Finance.* This committee shall devise ways and means of financing any and all club activities requiring funds, in cooperation with the appropriate committee.
- *Club.* This committee shall be responsible for attendance, membership, programs, fellowship, public relations and such other matters as may be deemed appropriate.

No committee shall take any action to carry out its plans until those plans have been approved by a majority of the club membership.

ARTICLE XI— Rotary Student of the Month / GCHS Interact Student of the Month

The various core subject area departments will use a rotating schedule to nominate one senior each for the months of September through April or as specified by the sponsoring club. Each nominee will represent Greene County High School at the monthly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties and will become a candidate for the GCHS Rotary Scholarship of the Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties.

Scholarship qualifications are based on student responses to the application process as defined as GCHS Interact Club Scholarship Application. Five (5) extra points are awarded for members who attend the previous summer's Rotary Youth Leadership Award summer camp (RYLA). Also, scholarship candidates will be awarded one (1) extra point for each year of active membership in the GCHS Interact Club in which the candidate fulfilled membership requirements, e.g. service points, project completion, 4Way Test, etc. Each member is responsible for documenting all Interact activities in which they participate.

ARTICLE XII — Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the members in good standing at any regular or special meeting of the club at which a quorum (majority of members in good standing) is present, provided notice of intention to call such a vote is given at least fourteen days earlier at a meeting of the club at which a quorum is present, and provided such amendment is approved by the sponsoring Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties.

ARTICLE XIII— Interact Logo Guidelines for Usage

The Greene County High School Interact Club may use only the Interact logo that has been licensed by Rotary International and should purchase items only from licensed Rotary International vendors.

Search for licensed suppliers at www.rotary.org.

The Interact emblem is a trademark owned by Rotary International. Clubs and districts are welcome to use it but must abide by the RI Board guidelines for using Rotary trademarks.

Technical Specifications: The Interact emblem is a circle with a vertical capital “I” superimposed over four interlocking rings in the centered depressed circular space. These elements are designed in accordance with the proportions given in the table below. With the “I” placed vertically, the word INTERACT is centered directly above it within the exterior ring, with a wall on each side. The word CLUB is centered directly beneath the “I” within the exterior ring, with a wall on each side. The words are raised from the depressed space. The outside edge is a perfectly round, raised wall to contain all the elements. The official Interact colors are deep blue and gold (either metallic gold or yellow). All depressed spaces on the emblem are blue, and all raised lettering and detail are gold. Gold can be represented as a metallic color or as yellow.

Interact Emblem PANTONE® Colors:

Royal blue — PANTONE® 286

Metallic gold — PANTONE® 871

Gold — PANTONE® 129

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Interact Emblem Design Proportions:

Overall diameter 53 units

Height of “I” 27.3 units

Diameter of rings 18.1 units

Width of “I” at top and bottom 7.2 units

Width of center body of “I” 2.9 units

Width of letters 5.3 units

Height of letters 4.1 units

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