

**Bylaws of Boling High School
POWER SET**

**ARTICLE I:
NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be POWER SET (Powerful Opportunities for Women Eager and Ready for Science, Engineering, and Technology).

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to target female **Boling** HS students who show significant interest and aptitude in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related fields and provide for exploring future educational and professional opportunities.

**ARTICLE II:
THE PRINCIPAL**

Section 1. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the organization.

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint one member of the faculty an advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

**ARTICLE III:
POWER SET ADVISOR**

Section 1. The advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students, community, and NPI.

Section 2. The advisor shall maintain files on membership, activities, and financial transactions.

Section 3. The advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with the organization's standards, obligations, and minimum requirements.

Section 4. The advisor shall help the organization's officers understand and carry out their duties.

Section 5. The advisor shall be voting members of the Advisory Board.

Section 6. The advisor shall maintain the required records and documentation for the Nuclear Power Institute.

ARTICLE IV: THE ADVISORY BOARD

Section 1. It is recommended that the Advisory Board consist of voting members including the chapter advisor, industry employees, and a NPI representative. A majority membership of the Advisory Board is required at any meeting.

Section 2. The Advisory Board shall meet at least once a year to review the procedures of the organization, select members, and to consider non-selection, dismissal, other disciplinary actions, and warning cases.

Section 3. The Advisory Board will develop and revise, when necessary, all organization procedures for selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the **Boling** High School POWER SET is an honor and an outstanding opportunity. Selection for membership is by the Advisory Board and is based on outstanding STEM aptitude, scholarship, service, and character. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Section 2. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a female student ages 16 to 21 and in the 11th, or 12th grade at **Boling** High School. The candidates must be U.S. Citizens.

Section 3. Prospective members must meet the organization's scholarship requirement: students shall have scored a Commended Performance on at least one (1) of the following sections of the TAKS test during the previous school year – Science and/or Mathematics. In addition, each prospect must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.5 and currently be enrolled in at two (2) Dual Credit, AP, Pre AP, or Advanced classes. To maintain membership, members shall have an unweighted GPA of 3.5 at the end of each semester and be enrolled in at least two (2) Dual Credit, AP, Pre AP, or Advanced classes. In addition, prospective members must meet the organization's character requirement: each student will have received a grade of either "Satisfactory" or "Excellent" for Citizenship during the year prior to membership in every class for each grading period.

Section 4. Candidates shall be selected according to the following procedure: students who meet the STEM aptitude, scholarship and character requirements will be nominated for membership. Nominees will then have the opportunity to submit an application for membership showing their qualifications in the area of service to the school and community. The Advisory Board will then conduct a mandatory interview with each candidate. Students are selected for membership by a majority vote of the Advisory Board based on STEM aptitude, scholarship, service, and character.

ARTICLE VI: THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of POWER SET shall be president, vice-president, secretary/reporter and student advisor.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by a majority of votes. The officers shall be elected from the continuing members.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this organization and to represent POWER SET in any outside activities.

Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall be head of the project committee(s).

Section 5. The chapter secretary/reporter shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, an accurate record of attendance, and report all activities of the chapter, when appropriate, to the local news media or to the school.

Section 6. The student advisor shall help any, and all, members with problems that they might be having. Student adviser will assist the secretary/reporter when it is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1. The organization shall meet once a month during the school year. The organization advisors have the right to call special meetings when necessary or appropriate.

Section 2. Each member is expected to attend all meetings and participate in all activities. If it becomes necessary for her to miss a meeting or an activity, she must provide one of the advisors with an excuse in writing prior to the meeting or activity except in case of illness. Failure to attend two meetings without an excuse during the period of one year or missing one activity without an excuse warrants a warning letter. Two unexcused tardies shall equal one unexcused absence.

ARTICLE VIII: SERVICE PROJECTS

Section 1. Each member must perform ten (10) diversified individual service hours per school year to benefit POWER SET, the school, and/or the community.

Section 2. No more than two (2) service hours may be acquired per project. All hours must be verified by an adult. A record of completed hours is due each spring on a date specified by the advisors.

Section 3. Failure to correctly complete, document or submit service hours will result in a warning letter and/or dismissal.

**ARTICLE IX:
SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION**

Section 1. Seniors who are members in good standing are eligible to apply for any POWER SET Scholarship Program opportunities.

Section 2. Industry will select the recipients when available, in accordance with the guidelines of the Organization offering the scholarship.

**ARTICLE X:
FACULTY SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION**

Section 1. Each member must uphold the standards of service and character throughout her membership, and she will be evaluated by faculty members from time to time. If she should receive an unsatisfactory evaluation, she will receive a warning letter.

**ARTICLE XI:
DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. Members who fall below the standards that were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the advisors and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member does not necessarily have to be warned. Receipt of a warning letter means the member has been placed on probation for one year.

Section 2. When a member is placed on probation for any reason, she must attend meetings and participate in activities, but she cannot vote in meetings or hold an office. When an officer is placed on probation, a new officer shall be elected to take her place permanently.

Section 3. Members shall receive a warning letter and be placed on probation for the following offenses:

- a. Failure to meet the scholarship requirement
- b. Failure to participate in POWER SET service projects
- c. Failure to complete individual service projects
- d. Failure to attend the regular meetings of the organization
- e. Failure to participate in any activity the organization deems appropriate
- f. Failure to maintain the high ideals of character as demonstrated by Citizenship grades in every class for each six weeks
- g. Failure to abide by school rules as stated in the student handbook

Section 4. Any active member who fails to meet the scholarship requirement at the end of a semester shall receive a warning letter, placing her on probation, and she shall be given one semester to meet the scholarship requirement. Failure to meet the

scholarship requirement at the end of the probationary semester will result in a dismissal hearing before the Advisory Board.

Section 5. A member is allowed only one (1) warning letter per year. A subsequent offense of any kind during the same year a warning letter has been issued will result in a dismissal hearing before the Advisory Board.

Section 6. Conduct that warrants placement in the district's Disciplinary Alternative Education Program also warrants dismissal from POWER SET.

Section 7. Conduct that warrants expulsion from school also warrants dismissal from Power Set.

Section 8. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the Advisory Board is required.

Section 9. If a student is dismissed from POWER SET, any items issued to her, as a member of POWER SET must be returned, including but not limited to, the pearls and "uniform".

ARTICLE XII: RESOLUTION IN ACADEMIC HONESTY

Section 1. An act of academic dishonesty shall warrant a warning letter and placement on probation for one year.

Section 2. The use of an unauthorized source or reference for any schoolwork shall be considered an act of academic dishonesty.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a vote of the Advisory Board with the approval of the principal.

Section 2. Every effort will be made to notify the membership of any change in an open meeting at least one month prior to activation of the said changes.