

FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON ELP
BYLAWS
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ARTICLE 1. Name: The name of the organization is Friends of Johnston ELP. It is an Iowa nonprofit corporation incorporated under Chapter 504A of the Iowa Code on February 10, 2004.

ARTICLE 2. Purpose: The Purpose of this association is to serve as a public advocate for gifted and talented students and disseminate information to parents and interested persons concerning gifted and talented children in the following ways:

1. Bring together concerned parents, educators, and friends of gifted and talented children for their mutual support and stimulation.
2. Encourage school districts and school officials to plan for and to provide necessary budget allowances, staffing, course offerings, other educational experiences and associated materials and supplies to meet the special educational requirements of gifted and talented children.
3. Publicize the need for better educational opportunities for gifted and talented children, so that such children may more nearly achieve their full potentials.
4. Promote and support legislation for the benefit of talented and gifted children.
5. Undertake such other activities as appropriate to meet the unique needs, interests and abilities of gifted and talented students and advance the Extended Learning Program of the Johnston Community School District.

ARTICLE 3. Membership: Membership in this association is open to anyone interested in the purposes of the association who has paid the annual dues for the current school year. The annual dues for the period July 1 to June 30 shall include local dues as determined by the Board of Directors in addition to the ITAG (Iowa Talented and Gifted Association) dues. Dues are payable in September. Local dues are waived for teachers who pay ITAG dues.

ARTICLE 4. Governing Body: Except as expressly provided in these Bylaws, management of this Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. On matters which the Board determines that member input is needed, the action to be taken shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting which has been called upon at least seven days notice. For all votes by membership, a family membership shall have one vote.

ARTICLE 5. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors of this association shall include the Johnston Community School District ELP Coordinator and the following elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two or more Board Members at Large. The positions of Vice President and Secretary may be combined at the discretion of the Board. In the event a Board member is unable to fulfill his or her term, the President shall appoint someone to serve the remainder of the term, subject to the approval of the membership at the next meeting.

The duties of the elected officers are as follows and may be modified at the discretion of the Board based on the changing needs of the association:

President:

1. Preside at all meetings of Friends of Johnston ELP.
2. Appoint all committees.
3. Oversee all activities of the association.

Vice-President:

1. Aid the President in the performance of his/her duties.
2. Succeed the President if he or she is unable to perform the duties of President.

Secretary:

1. Keep an accurate record of all Friends of Johnston ELP and Board of Directors meetings and report minutes to members at meetings.

Treasurer:

1. Present a financial statement at each meeting.
2. Receive all revenues of Friends of Johnston ELP, keeping a record of their receipt and disbursement.
3. Keep an accurate roster of membership and donations.

Board Members at Large:

1. Chair committees when the need arises as appointed by the president.
2. Review and administer programs presented by the Board and membership.

ARTICLE 6. Nominations and Elections

Three members of the Board of Directors will serve as the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall seek nominees that represent the interests of families with students in all buildings and grades within the Johnston Community School District. Elections for the following school year will take place at the Annual Meeting to be held in the Spring from a slate of candidates presented to the membership. If circumstances prevent a meeting from taking place, the Board of Directors will appoint a new Board of Directors at the end of the school year, and a vote for confirmation of the appointments by the general membership will be taken at the first meeting of the following school year (typically in September or October). New officers will assume duties for at least one year following their confirmation.

ARTICLE 7. Meetings: Meetings of the members shall be held at least three times during the school year as arranged by the Board of Directors and published in the Johnston Community School District calendar and the Friends of Johnston ELP newsletter. All meetings are free and open to the public.

ARTICLE 8. Amendments: These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting, provided the amendment was submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting or communicated to the membership at least ten days prior to the meeting.