



ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the CMS Chapter of the National Honor Society of Calallen Middle School

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Calallen Middle School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NJHS. See www.nhs.us/constitutions. In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: This chapter will remain an active member of the state association, [National Junior Honor Society](#), by paying annual dues and participating in state functions when possible.

Section 3: The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

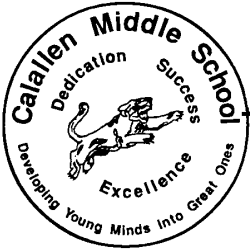
Section 4: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 5: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NJHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Section 2: Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at the completion of the 8th grade. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.



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Section 3: Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be enrolled as 7th or 8th graders.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Calallen Middle School.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative average of 90% and maintain 90% average once he/she is a member. If a student has received an N or U for citizenship, or been assigned ISS or OSS during the previous or current year they will be voted on by the faculty council. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, grade and citizenship standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, nonvoting, *ex officio* member of the faculty council.

Section 2: The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.

Section 3: Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form for further consideration.
- c. Each Candidate must obtain four teacher signatures, **two of which must be from current core (Reading, Writing, Science, History or Math) teachers, one from last year's CMS core teacher, and one from a current or past CMS elective teacher.**
- d. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, essay and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

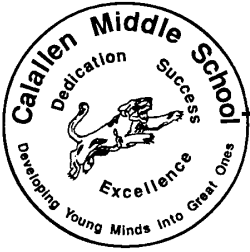
Section 4: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5: An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter..

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1: Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$20. Dues will be due before the induction ceremony.

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Section 2: Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

Section 3: Members must maintain a 90% cumulative average in all courses.

Section 4: Each member will be required to complete a total of 14 community service hours. 4 of them must be completed by volunteering for ZAP (2 hours per semester).

Section 5: Each member is required to participate in all major community service projects throughout the year.

Section 6: Every member is required to attend all meetings from school unless absent from school.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter, and Sergeant At-Arms.

Section 2: Student officers shall be elected during the first quarter of each school year. All members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer.

Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

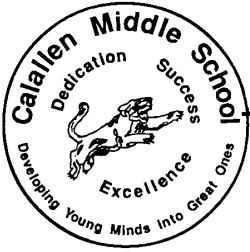
Section 4: It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions. The President is responsible for relaying information to the NJHS members about up coming meetings and events.

Section 5: The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and keep record of people signed up for NJHS functions, community service projects and ZAP (after school peer tutoring). The vice president will work with the secretary to keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service contributions.

Section 6: The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence. The secretary will work with the vice president to keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service contributions.

Section 7: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order during the meetings. It shall be the Sergeant-at-Arms responsibility to always act in a responsible and respectful manner. This position is one of leadership and should be a role model to others. It is expected that the Sergeant-at-Arms will greet members at each meeting.

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Section 8: The reporter shall maintain the chapter scrapbook/website and the NJHS bulletin board. The reporter shall see that the school newspaper or website receives information about chapter meetings, activities, and members.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings of this chapter shall be monthly. Special meetings can be called by the president with approval of the adviser.

Section 2: Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings unless absent from school.

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1: The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2: All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3: These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4: Each member is required to participate in the CMS ZAP program.

Section 5: The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

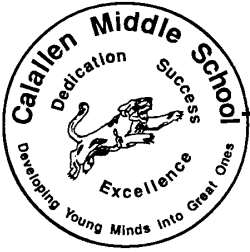
ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1: Members must maintain a 90% Cumulative Average in all courses. Any member who falls below the required grade average will result in nine weeks of probation. Any "F" in grades results in probation for two grading periods. During any probationary period, the member has inactive standing; however, the member may attend meetings, but may not participate in any NJHS sponsored activity. Also, a member on probationary status cannot function as an officer. The member and his/her parents will be notified in writing of the probationary status.

Section 2: If during the next nine week's regular grading period of the school year, the member fails to meet the academic standards or to remove the deficiencies in conduct, the member will be subject to dismissal by the faculty council.

Section 3: Members must complete 2 hours of ZAP tutoring for each semester.

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Section 4: Members are expected to participate in and document ten (10) hours of voluntary service to the school and/or community during the school year. If the hours have not been completed by the last day of May, the member will be subject to dismissal by the faculty council.

Section 5: Members should never create a disruptive situation in school or within the community or contribute to such situations. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in probationary status and a probationary letter and possible action by the faculty council.

Section 6: Members should never participate in cheating or skipping classes or school. If this occurs, the faculty council may consider dismissal from the NJHS or other possible action.

Section 7: Expulsion or suspension from school, for any reason, will result in immediate action by the faculty council with possible dismissal from the Society and relinquishment of all honors and rights as a member.

Section 8: Violations of the school conduct code can result in dismissal of a candidate/member. Offenders of the school conduct code (these infractions include, but are not limited to' the use of profanity, bullying, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness (greater than 3) will receive a written warning notification. At this point, a conference will be requested by either the Faculty Council, student, or parent. If the candidate/member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member will be dismissed. Immediate grounds for dismissal of a member of NJHS may include, but are not limited to, stealing, cheating, assault, destruction of property, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities.

Section 9: If a member is placed on probation at any time during their membership, a second infraction will result in faculty council action.

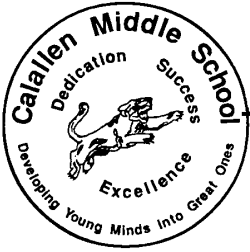
Section 10: A reasonable amount of time will be given to correct a deficiency, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, which results in suspension (ISS or homebound) and/or assignment to an alternative education plan.

Section 11: Any member who fails to meet the membership requirements twice in an academic year will be subject to dismissal by the faculty council.

Section 12: When a member is dismissed, he/she will be notified in writing by an administrator and his/her emblem/membership card or certificate must be submitted

Section 13: CMS administration and sponsors may, at their discretion, immediately dismiss a member for persistent or serious disciplinary issues.

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ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL AND REVIEW

Section 1: These bylaws will be **approved** upon receiving a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a [2/3 vote](#) of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least [one month](#) prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles V and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal (selection and discipline).

Approved on [February 15, 2017](#)

Signatures Kate Lopez and Shelly Book – Chapter Advisor / Marcus – Principal

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