

**Constitution of the
Charleston Charter School for Math and Science
Chapter of the National Honor Society**

**Article I
Name and Purpose**

Section 1-The name of this chapter shall be the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.

Section 2- The object 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 pupils of Charleston Charter School for Math and Science.

**Article II
Membership**

Section 1- Membership in this chapter shall be based upon outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2- Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Section 3- Candidates shall have spent at least one year at the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science with the exception of seniors, and shall be members of the junior or senior class. Candidates eligible to election shall have a scholarship average of a weighted 3.5. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed and shall be for this chapter the required scholastic achievement for admission to **candidacy** for membership in this chapter, and all pupils who rise in scholarship to or above such standard level shall be admitted to **candidacy for election to membership. Eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.**

**Article III
Election of New Members**

Section 1- Any member of the faculty may propose to the council the names of pupils eligible for membership in the chapter.

Section 2- The election of members to this chapter shall be by the Faculty Council consisting of five members. The Faculty Council is an anonymous group selected by the principal. This group will consist of faculty and/or staff.

Section 3 - Any member who falls below the standards which were the basis of his election shall be promptly warned. If during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as the basis for his/her election to the Society, his/her case shall be ruled on by the faculty council. A National Honor Society member must maintain a weighted 3.5 average and exemplify the qualities of service, leadership, and character to retain his membership.

Section 4- When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified in writing and his/her emblem and membership card returned to the adviser or principal. Notice of his/her dismissal must be indicated on the Annual Report submitted to the National Secretary at the end of the school year.

Section 5- An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers from Charleston Charter School for Math and Science will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership and signed by the principal.

Section 6 - An active member of the National Honor Society who transfers to Charleston Charter School for Math and Science will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

**Article IV
Officers**

Section 1- The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2- Terms of office shall be for one school year.

Section 3- A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken on the two candidates who have received the highest number of votes.

Section 4- It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 5- The vice-president shall fill the chair of the president in his/her absence.

Section 6- The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file. The secretary shall also, with the approval of the principal or advisor, certify to the National Secretary of the National Council the number graduated in each class and the names of all members for the current school year on the Annual Report submitted to National Headquarters.

Section 7- The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

**Article V
Executive Committee**

Section 1- The executive committee shall consist of the sponsor, the principal, and the officers of the chapter.

Section 2- The executive committee shall have general charge of the meetings and business of the chapters, but any action of the part of the executive committee may be subject to the review of the chapter.

Section 3- The sponsor shall act as chairman of the executive committee.

Section 4- All accounts of the treasurer must be audited annually by an auditing committee appointed by the executive committee of the chapter.

**Article VI
Faculty Supervision**

Section 1- The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

**Article VII
Meetings**

Section 1- The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held monthly during the school year on days designated by the executive committee.

Section 2- The officers of the chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section 3- Special meetings, approved by the executive committee, may be called by the president.

Section 4 - All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the principal or some member of the faculty selected by him/her.

Section 5- This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

Article VIII
Emblem

Section 1- Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society of Secondary School. At graduation, female members shall wear the blue stoles and the male members shall wear the white stoles.

Section 2- Any member who withdraws or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

Section 3- Each member agrees that, whether the emblem comes to him/her as a gift, a personal purchase, an award, or from whatever source, the title to the emblem shall rest with the chapter of which he/she is a member: and therefore, the emblem can, on motion of the council, be commandeered. Furthermore, each member agrees that his/her acceptance of the emblem shall be considered affirmation of this stipulation in regard to the title of the emblem.

Section 4- All insignia must be procured from the National Secretary of the National Honor Society , 1201 Sixteenth Street. NW, Washington, DC. All insignia are registered in the United States Patent Office, and cannot be duplicated by anyone.

Article IX
Dues

Section 1- The annual dues for each member shall be **\$15.00**. This amount shall be subject to the approval of the executive committee of the chapter.

Article X
Amendments

Section 1- This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the council, and that notice to members has been given at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon. All amendments must be approved by the National Council.