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Chapter Bylaws of the East Middle School National Junior Honor Society

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Acenes Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of East Middle School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and encourage good citizenship in students of East Middle School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

The power vested in this organization is to provide our school and community with designated service, as well as to promote academic excellence and foster leadership, character and citizenship. This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NJHS.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty that are in the second semester of the seventh grade and eighth grade. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter must have a **minimum cumulative average of 95 or above** and shall be based on outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Members must complete **at least 20 hours of service** during their time as active members.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

New members are invited to be considered for National Junior Honor Society by faculty once a year during the second semester of the school year. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility of a **minimum cumulative average of 95 or above**. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form and provide two faculty recommendations for further consideration.

The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership. Once selected, candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony in the spring. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers schools should obtain an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship within the organization, school and community. Members shall maintain a high academic average, attend chapter meetings, participate in NJHS sponsored events and service projects and fulfill the required hours of community service.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

The duties and responsibilities of the adviser are to act as a liaison between the organization, faculty council, school and community. The adviser is responsible to track the current members in order to maintain the definition of membership. He/she is responsible for the facilitation of nomination of new members and assisting the membership in planning NJHS events and service projects, as well as fundraisers. The responsibilities of the faculty council are to meet, as needed, to review candidates for new membership and/or consider disciplinary and/or dismissal actions.

The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The duties and responsibilities of the officers are to act as the liaison between members and the adviser, as well as be key members in the fundraiser and induction ceremony. Student officers of the executive committee shall be elected at a full membership meeting. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office. Candidates for officer positions must submit an application outlining why they are the most qualified, obtain two faculty recommendations and prepare a short speech for the membership. The adviser and faculty council review applications for approval. Voting shall be by secret ballot by membership. The candidates with the most votes win the designated positions. Officers and the faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

This chapter shall have regular meetings scheduled during the school year on days designated by the advisers and executive committee, and in accordance with school policy and regulations. Special meetings can be called by the officers with approval of the adviser. Special meetings may also be called to plan and implement NJHS sponsored events and service projects. Meetings will be announced on the morning news/announcements, as well as posted in the NJHS digital space. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year that fulfill a need within the school or community. All members shall regularly participate in these projects. Each member shall also have the responsibility for choosing and participating in individual service projects which reflect his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute. Other chapter activities may include, but are not limited to development of leadership, character, communication, collaboration and citizenship skills.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, or citizenship may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Acenes chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of discipline and/or dismissal. Depending on the violation, a member may: be given a reasonable time period for improvement to correct the deficiency; be asked for a conference with administrator, parent and/or faculty council; be subject to other disciplinary action deemed appropriate; and/or at risk of consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

We are very pleased that our members typically meet their obligations and uphold the pillars of the National Junior Honor Society. We look forward to working with our exceptional members. Any questions regarding these NJHS policies may be addressed to advisers:

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