CONSTITUTION OF THE BAY AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Bay Area Christian School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools.

Section 2. The object of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to encourage the development of character, to promote worthy leadership, and to stimulate a desire to render service.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Honorary status shall be granted by the Faculty Council. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.

Section 3. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Bay Area Christian School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class.

1. Sophomores and juniors are eligible each semester of their sophomore or junior year.
2. Seniors are eligible first semester of the senior year.

To be eligible for selection to this chapter a student must have a cumulative average of at least 95. All students who meet the academic standard will be considered for membership selection. In addition, a form must be completed listing participation and leadership in school and other activities. Being eligible does not guarantee membership. Eligibility shall then be considered based on character, leadership and service. Only teachers directly involved with the candidate will be allowed to submit evaluations to the Faculty Council.

ARTICLE III
Selection of Members

Section 1. The final selection of members to this chapter shall be by majority vote of the Faculty Council, consisting of five faculty members plus the National Honor Society advisor who serves as an ex-officio member. The principal appoints these six members.

Section 2. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

a. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
b. Eligible students may also turn in faculty recommendations.
c. The Student Activity Information Form and faculty recommendations shall be reviewed by the Faculty Council.

Section 3. The selection of active members shall be held once a year.

ARTICLE IV
Membership and Membership Retention

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, character, leadership, or service may be dismissed from the Bay Area Christian School chapter of the National Honor Society.

Section 2. If a member's cumulative average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected, he/she will be given written warning. The average must meet the standard by the next reporting period to maintain membership.

a. Any member who receives an F in a subject on a report card shall be dismissed from the Society.
b. Any member who receives a D in a subject on a report card shall be warned. Improvement must be shown by the next report card to maintain membership.
c. Any member who receives a conduct grade below "S" on a report card will be promptly warned. Improvement must be shown by the next report card to maintain membership.

Section 3. Violation of criminal law or school regulations (such as proven cheating) can result in immediate dismissal of a member. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absence, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. If the member is involved in another violation of the school's conduct, the member will be dismissed.

Section 4. Members are expected to attend all meetings and participate in all activities. If an absence is unexcused, a written warning will be given. A member who misses a meeting is required to read the minutes and verify by signing the same.

Section 5. Failure to carry out any responsibility by a member warrants a written warning and possible dismissal.

Section 6. In the case of pending dismissal:

a. The member will receive written notification of the reason for possible dismissal from the Adviser/Faculty Council.

b. Members are entitled to appeal a pending dismissal to the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss.

c. A letter of dismissal will be sent to the principal, student, and parents if the student is dismissed. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the advisor.

d. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he/she is no longer a member and may never again be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.

ARTICLE V
Officers

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected prior to the last meeting of each school year. All returning members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Active sophomores and juniors shall vote in this election. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings for this chapter and delegate responsibilities to officers and members.

Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.

Section 5. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings and be responsible for correspondence.

Section 6. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of chapter monies and notify members who have failed to pay dues. Members who fail to pay dues within a timely manner will be dismissed.

Section 7. Any officer who fails to perform his/her duties shall be removed from office and will be replaced by the second runner-up from the original ballot.

ARTICLE VI
Dues

Section 1. Dues are collected within 30 days of formal notification of a student's selection to the National Honor Society.

Section 2. Dues are paid to the treasurer once during the membership in the amount of **$65.00**.

ARTICLE VII
Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of this chapter shall be held once a month.

Section 2. Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and implementation shall be the responsibility of the president.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president upon approval from the Faculty Council.

ARTICLE VIII
Activities

Section 1. The chapter shall conduct one service project each year. This project shall fulfill a need within the school or community.

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

ARTICLE IX
Emblem

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Honor Society.

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

ARTICLE X
Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment has been approved by the Faculty Council prior to the vote. Notice to members must be given at least one month prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The exceptions are Articles III and IV which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Section 2. By-laws and amendments must be consistent with the Constitution of the National Honor Society.