National Junior Honor Society Bylaws

Monroe Middle School- Maverick Chapter

San Jose, California

**Article I**

Name and Purpose

The name of this chapter shall be the Monroe Middle School National Junior Honor Society Maverick Chapter. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship.

**Article II**

Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Maverick Chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. The faculty council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NJHS advisors, or adults in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 3. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 4. An NJHS member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the principal or chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 5. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for NJHS membership or its benefits.

**Article III**

Selection of Members

Section 1. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a student in the seventh or eighth grade at Monroe Middle School (MMS). Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.

Section 2. The national minimum standard for scholarship shall be a cumulative scholastic average of at least 85 percent, B, or 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent standard of excellence. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 3. Students must be good citizens. Any student who has ever been in or out of school suspension, or has been referred to the office for disciplinary reasons, will NOT be invited to be a member unless there is a unanimous vote of the faculty council.

Section 4. A description of this selection procedure shall be published on the MMS website, which is available to students and parents in the school.

Section 5. NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) shall not review the judgment of the Faculty Council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

**Article IV**

Dismissal

Section 1. In compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society, the faculty council shall determine the procedure for dismissal.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards that were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member does not have to be warned, and may be immediately dismissed from the NJHS Maverick Chapter.

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

**Article V**

Chapter Officers

Section 1. The chapter shall include the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Historian, and Treasurer. The President will preside over all meetings. The Vice-President will assume the role of the President if necessary and will co-chair meetings. The Secretary will take notes at all meetings and perform all official correspondence. The Historian will maintain a history book documenting chapter activities and projects for the year. The Treasurer will keep records of any funds that are collected for the purposes for benefitting a worthy cause as deemed by the MMS NJHS.

Section 2 – The officers shall be elected from the rising eighth graders. The officers’ election shall be determined by votes from the members of the chapter.

Section 3 – Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all members. The chapter advisor shall count votes.

**Article VI**

Faculty Council and Chapter Advisor

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the chapter advisor and the faculty council.

Section 2. The chapter advisor shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter.

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall have the responsibility of ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.

Section 4. The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Sections 5. The chapter advisor shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Faculty Council.

Section 6. The chapter advisor shall be a member of the faculty, appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.

**Article VII**

Faculty Council

Section 1. The Faculty Council shall consist of an uneven number of voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, member of the Faculty Council. No principal or assistant principal may be included on the Faculty Council.

Section 2. The term of the Faculty Council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall meet at least once a year to review the procedures of the chapter, select members, and to consider non-selection, dismissal, other disciplinary actions, and warning cases.

Section 4. The Faculty Council will develop and revise, when necessary, all chapter procedures for selection, discipline, and dismissal of members, all of which must remain in compliance with the national guidelines.

**Article VIII**

Meetings

Section 1. Chapter meetings will be bimonthly after school for duration of forty-five minutes to one hour in length.

Section 2 – Special meetings, approved by the chapter advisor, may be called by the president, the presiding vice president, or committee chairs.

**Article IX**

Activities

Section 1. The Maverick 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; be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects, to which all members contribute.

Section 5. Seventh-grade chapter members shall be responsible for completing ten service hours. Eighth-grade chapter members shall be responsible for completing twenty-five service hours. Eighth grade chapter members shall serve as mentors to seventh-grade chapter members and will earn service hours for doing do. Service hours must be completed by the end of the school year as deemed by the chapter advisor.

Section 6. Chapter officers are qualified for receiving two hours of community service for their additional efforts in the chapter.

Section 7. Each chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

**Article X**

Veto

The Principal has final say over all NJHS activities and has the right to veto any action taken by the members, Faculty Council, or Chapter Advisor.

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As a member of the 2013-2014 National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at Monroe Middle School, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(printed member’s name) have read and reviewed the bylaws with my parents and will abide by all of the responsibilities listed to remain in good standing with the NJHS Maverick Chapter.

I understand that if I do not fulfill my responsibilities as an NJHS member that I may jeopardize my membership as stated in the bylaws.

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Signature of NJHS Member Date

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Signature of NJHS Member’s Parent or Legal Guardian Date