## BYLAWS OF THE CAMERON JUNIOR HIGH CHAPTER NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

- 1. Officers elected by this chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected at the first meeting.
- 2. The duties of the officers are as follows:

<u>President</u>: He/She shall preside at all meetings of the chapter, attend committee meetings, and be an adviser to the faculty adviser(s).

<u>Vice-President</u>: He/She shall preside in the absence of the President and be appointed to do any jobs that may arise.

<u>Secretary</u>: He/She shall keep minutes of all meetings and maintain a check on attendance and tardiness. Absence from school is the only excused absence; tardiness is allowed only if the member has a pass from an authorized individual.

<u>Assistant Secretary</u>: He/She shall publicize activities of the CJH National Junior Honor Society through the means of newspaper, radio, etc.

<u>Treasurer</u>: He/She shall keep a record of all financial transactions and shall check regularly with the school bookkeeper and the chapter adviser to be sure all financial records are correct.

- 3. Members shall try to meet at least once a month at a time decided on by the officers and the chapter adviser(s). New members will be invited to join only in October with a formal induction ceremony.
- 4. Each member is obliged to attend meetings, exemplify the standards of the National Junior Honor Society, and support each chapter project enthusiastically.
- 5. Dues shall not be levied on the members except in case of an emergency decided upon by the officers and the chapter adviser(s).
- 6. The CJH Chapter shall conduct one money-making activity per year. Funds raised will be used within the school community.
- 7. The CJH Chapter shall be involved in at least one service project during the school year which shall directly benefit the school or community.
- 8. All members of the CJH Chapter of NJHS will participate in at least one Academic UIL event to directly benefit their school.
- 9. Membership information shall be printed in the student handbook and on CISD's official web site.
- 10. An accountability system will be used for keeping up with attendance, school conduct, and group activities. One **DEMERIT** will be issued for each of the following:
  - Non-attendance of NJHS meeting or activity without giving prior notice to an adviser
  - Non-attendance of school for whatever reason for 10 days (excludes extenuating circumstances)
  - Conduct grade unsatisfactory on report card
  - Receiving a disciplinary referral, including excessive tardiness (Member must inform adviser of this
    occurrence in person. Failure to do so results in 2 demerits.)
  - Failure to turn in report card to adviser

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After a member has received 3 demerits, they will be placed on **probation** for the remainder of the school year. A NJHS adviser will inform the member in writing of this probation. If the member then receives another demerit, they will be recommended for dismissal from NJHS.<sup>1</sup>

- 11. An accountability system will be used for keeping up with academic achievement for <u>all members</u>. A member will be placed on probation *for the remainder of membership*:
  - For not maintaining a 90 average in the 4 core subjects<sup>2</sup> (excluding Algebra 1, which has its own criteria) in any six week period and/or
  - Having any grade less than an 85.

Member is responsible for getting grades to designated adviser on report card day. Failure to turn in report card results in 1 demerit.

If a member fails to maintain their core subject<sup>2</sup> average at 90 or above for the remainder of their membership, they will be recommended for dismissal from NJHS.<sup>1</sup>

- 12. A student will be placed on automatic probation for any ISS placement or school suspension.<sup>1</sup>
- 13. A student will be **automatically dismissed** from the Cameron Junior High NJHS if placed in AEP during the school year OR for any violation of a bylaw or any school rule while on probation.<sup>1</sup>

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, the NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929.

\*Cameron Junior High NJHS members will be expected to exceptionally maintain and demonstrate all of these characteristics throughout their membership.\*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Once a student has been dismissed from the National Junior Honor Society, he/she may not be considered for membership again at Cameron Junior High. (added as footnote instead of embedded within the above)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Core Subjects: Algebra, History, Math, Science, Reading/Language Arts