

Chi Alpha Mu

National Junior Mathematics Honor Society Bylaws

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ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1- The name of this chapter shall be the River Vale Chapter of the National Junior Mathematics Honor Society of Holdrum Middle School.

Section 2- The purpose of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and citizenship, and to encourage the development of character in students of Holdrum Middle School.

ARTICLE 11: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- Membership in this chapter shall be known as active and honorary. Honorary members become graduate members at graduation. Graduate and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 2- Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students who meet the criteria based on their final math average.

Section 3- Eligibility

- a. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be in grades seven or eight.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of 1 trimester at Holdrum Middle School.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter shall have a minimum final math grade of a 96 for Holdrum's accelerated math courses, and a minimum final math grade of a 98 for Holdrum's on-level math courses. With the understanding that different level courses have different pacing and rigor, the minimum final average differs for accelerated courses and on-level courses. Candidates must have passing grades in all other core subject areas. This scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum level of scholastic achievement for admission candidacy.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be invited to become a member.

ARTICLE III: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1- The selection of members to this chapter shall be by majority vote of the Faculty Council.

Section 2- Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.

- b. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and invited to become a member.
- c. Students must notify the chapter Advisor in writing within one week of receiving the invitation.

Section 3- The selection of new active members shall be held once a year during trimester 1.

Section 4- Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5- Once selected and inducted, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 6- An active member who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his or her membership and signed by the principal and chapter advisor.

Section 7- An active member who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter.

ARTICLE IV: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1- Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, or service may be considered for dismissal from the Holdrum Middle School chapter of the National Junior Mathematics Honor Society.

Section 2- If a member's final math grade falls below a 94 for accelerated math courses, or a 96 for on-level Math course he or she will be given a written warning and time period for improvement. If their math grade remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student may be considered for dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3- If a member fails to perform any of the published obligations of membership, he or she will be given a written warning and time period for improvement. If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the warning period, the student may be considered for dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4- Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include but are not limited to, stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Section 5- Offenders of the school conduct code will be given a written warning of the incident and in or out of school suspension. If the member is involved in another violation, the student may be considered for dismissal from the chapter.

Section 7 - Membership can be revoked or not approved at the discretion of the school/district administration.

Section 6- In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the advisor or faculty council.
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against him or her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to the vote on dismissal.
- c. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be reviewed by the principal and then, if confirmed, expressed in a letter sent to the student, parents, and principal.
- d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards through the school district discipline policy.
- e. When a student is dismissed or resigns, he or she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered as one.

Section 7- In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

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

Section 2- Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning active members are eligible to run for a position as an officer. All active members are eligible to vote.

Section 3- A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 5- 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 6- The secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting and be responsible for all official chapter correspondence.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Section 2 – The executive committee shall have a 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 VII: MEETINGS

Section 1- Meetings of this chapter shall be monthly.

Section 2 – All chapter members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled chapter meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1 – The 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 fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and faculty, and be appropriate and educationally defensible.

Section 4 – The chapter shall publicize its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE IX: DUES

Section 1 – Annual dues for this chapter shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

Section 2 – Dues will be payable to the advisor within 30 days of induction.

ARTICLE X: POWERS

Section 1 - The chapter advisor is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 2 – The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 3 – These bylaws are designed to amplify provisions of the national constitution and cannot contradict any components thereof.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1- These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote.