



**Chapter Bylaws
of the
Pecan Grove Elementary School Chapter,
Affiliation Number 00519722
of the
National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)
Updated: August, 2023**

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Pecan Grove Elementary Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) of Pecan Grove Elementary School.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be to recognize students for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility, to provide meaningful service to the school and community, and to develop essential leadership skills within the students of Pecan Grove Elementary School.

ARTICLE 3: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NEHS.

Section 2: The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 3: Final authority on all activities and decisions of the chapter resides with the school principal.

Section 4: Non-discrimination. Our chapter of NEHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all activities and practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Section 1: Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship and Responsibility.

Section 2: Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active members become graduate members at upon completion of their elementary school studies at this school. Graduate and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3: Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be enrolled in grade 5.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at an FBISD elementary school.
- c. Candidates eligible for election shall have a minimum grade average of 85% in all subject areas in grade 4 and last quarter of grade 3.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and grade average standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their demonstrated personal responsibility.

Section 4: The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council, which consists of faculty members appointed by an administrator. The chapter adviser is a nonvoting member of the Faculty Council who facilitates all meetings of the council.

Section 5: Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic and conduct records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic and behavior eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible (i.e. candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Candidate's Form for further consideration.
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The Faculty Council shall review the Candidates' Forms, faculty evaluations, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 6: The selection of active members shall be held once a year during of the school year. Exact date/time is decided on by the school principal and/or chapter advisor.



Section 7: Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. This ceremony may be conducted virtually.

Section 8: Transfer membership. Membership can be transferred from one chapter of NEHS to another.

- a. An active member of the National Elementary Honor Society who transfers from this school with an active chapter of NEHS will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.
- b. An active member of the National Elementary Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member at least one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE 5: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1: Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be entitled to wear the emblem adopted by the National Elementary Honor Society.

Section 2: Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$25. Dues will be payable within 30 days of induction.

Section 3: Any member who withdraws, resigns, or is dismissed from the chapter shall return the emblem to the chapter.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings of this chapter shall be held at a minimum of every nine weeks. There may be smaller committee meetings throughout the school year determined by the faculty council and school principal.

Section 2: This chapter shall strive to conduct its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 7: ACTIVITIES

Section 1: The chapter shall determine one service project each semester in addition to school wide-activities. A minimum of two official activities will be conducted each year.

Section 2: All members of the chapter shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3: These projects/good deeds 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, and be undertaken in a well-planned and organized manner.

Section 4: The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

Section 5: Each member will be given a blue folder with service requirements, the Good Deeds Grid, and a documentation form to record their service time. Each member will receive one blue folder and will be expected to keep the blue folder throughout the school year. In May, members will conference with Ms. Harris and turn in their completed blue folders. Members are expected to document all their service hours.

Section 5: Each member will complete community service AND school service requirements for the school year. Community Service can be in the form of Good Deeds (off the Good Deeds Grid), volunteer work in the community (church, neighborhood, etc.), or both. Any additional good deed ideas must be approved by Ms. Harris. School Service can be completed by participating in service projects, serving as a Class Ambassador, and participating in school-wide activities.

Section 6: An end of the year party will be held for members who turned in completed blue folders on time. Members who did not complete their community and school service are ineligible to participate in the party.

Section 7: If a member has special education accommodations and/or modifications, activity requirements may be adapted to suit the needs of the member. This is done at the discretion of Ms. Harris and the faculty committee.

ARTICLE 8: DISCIPLINE of MEMBERS

Section 1: Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship and responsibility may be considered for disciplinary actions by the PGE chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society. A member of the National Elementary Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing, be responsible in all aspects, and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2: If a member's cumulative grade average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected, he /she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement (typically until the end of the next nine weeks). If the cumulative grade average remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council that can include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3: Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member



(see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to: stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, fighting or other serious offenses defined in the school's student code of conduct. **This includes any office referrals due to discipline (see section 5).**

Section 4: Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive a written warning. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in additional violations of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 5: In all cases of pending dismissal: a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/Faculty Council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal. b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the Faculty Council. This will take place prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her case either in person or through a written statement. Following the hearing, the Faculty Council will vote to determine the appropriate disciplinary action. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member. c. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser. d. The Faculty Council's decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies. e. Members who resign or are dismissed can be reconsidered for membership upon written request to the chapter adviser.

Section 6: In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose other appropriate disciplinary measures upon a member such as being placed on probation.

ARTICLE 10: RATIFICATION, REVIEW, and AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Ratification. These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the Faculty Council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: Review. These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

Section 3: Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are any provisions regarding selection of members and chapter disciplinary guidelines, which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal.

Date:9/1/2020

Signatures: Adviser and Principals

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