Egg Harbor City Community School Junior Honor Society

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EHCCS Junior Honor Society Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Egg Harbor City Community School Junior Honor Society.

Section 2. 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 in the students of the Egg Harbor City Community School.

Section 3. The Egg Harbor City Community School shall abide by the requirements set forth by the National Junior Honor Society.

ARTICLE II: THE PRINCIPAL

Section 1. The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the organization.

Section 2. The Board of Education shall annually appoint an organization advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. The Board of Education may appoint an organization co-advisor, if they so choose.

Section 4. The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates, and the dismissal of members due to discipline.

ARTICLE III: THE ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

Section 1. The organization advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the organization and act as liaison between the faculty, administration, students and community.

Section 2. The organization advisor shall maintain files on current and incoming membership, current activities, and financial transactions.

Section 3. The organization advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with society standards and obligations.

Section 4. The organization advisor shall help the organization members understand and carry out their duties.

ARTICLE IV: FACULTY COMMITTEE

Section 1. The faculty committee shall consist of no less than five voting faculty members appointed by the organization advisor. The faculty committee is solely responsible for selection of applicants.

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

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall be a non-voting member of the faculty committee, in charge of the application paperwork.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership is bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is determined by the faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship. A rubric is used and a minimum of 83% is required for admittance to the organization.

Section 2. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. The ceremony shall take place during the third marking period of the school year, unless hindered by extraneous circumstances.

Section 3. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers into the Egg Harbor City School District and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's organization. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one marking period in order to retain membership.

Section 4. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE VI: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible, the candidate must be at least a second semester seventh grader and must have received at least two report cards from the Egg Harbor City Community School.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of 85% or above over the course of the last full calendar year (four marking periods) in their four core academic courses: English-Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Candidates who have only

received two or three report cards from the Egg Harbor City Community School will have all available scores averaged. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship, after initial eligibility to apply is determined.

Section 3. The selection of each member to the organization shall be determined by the faculty council, if the applicant attains 83% or more of the points on the aforementioned rubric.

Section 4. The decisions of the members of the faculty council are final, and the chapter advisor shall not review the judgment of the council regarding selection of individual members.

ARTICLE VII: DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL

Section 1. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned (in writing) by the organization advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. The organization advisor may suspend certain organization privileges. The advisor may also suggest that the student receive special counseling to reeducate the student to more appropriate behavior. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 2. Organization members shall be evaluated at least once per marking period to determine eligibility.

Section 3. Organization members who fall below the necessary scholastic average of 85% in a marking period shall be placed on probation, with regards to their status as a Egg Harbor City Community School Junior Honor Society member. A letter shall be mailed home informing the member of this information. A letter shall also be provided to the building principal.

Section 4. Organization members who fall below the necessary scholastic average of 85% in two marking periods shall be immediately dismissed from the organization.

Section 5. The organization advisor and the building principal shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of disciplinary warnings.

Section 6. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to written notification of charges.

Section 7. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1. There will be no student officers for the organization.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall complete at least one school-based activity and/or meeting per month.

Section 2. Activities may include, but are not limited to: meetings, ambassadors for Back to School Night, ambassadors for Parent-Teacher Conferences, Egg Harbor City parades, graduation, and city-wide clean-ups.

Section 3. Organization meetings shall be run by the organization advisor.

Section 4. The Egg Harbor City Community School is a service organization. As such, its members are required to complete no less than five hours of service to the school district and/or the Egg Harbor City community during each semester of membership.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. If it is found that the by-laws need to be revised, a by-laws revision committee shall be appointed by the organization advisor. Proposed changes will first be reviewed by the organization advisor and the building principal. Proposed amendments or revisions require a three-fifths vote by the current active members of the Egg Harbor City Community School Junior Honor Society.

Note: Sections dealing with revisions to the procedures for selection, disciplining, and dismissal of members can only be changed by the organization advisor, building principal, and faculty council, though input from the organization members is allowed and encouraged.