VALLEY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Valley Park Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

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

ARTICLE II

Selection of Members

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

Section 2. To be eligible for election to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester in this school.

Section 3. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a seventh or eighth grade student. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester. The requirement for scholarship shall be students’ report card grades of 3 or 4 per standard for each core class beginning the first semester of the sixth grade year. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship in which behavioral report card objectives shall consist of grades of 3 or 4 per standard.

Section 4. The election of members to this chapter of the National Junior Honor Society shall be by faculty council, consisting of at least one faculty member representing each grade level.

Section 5. Any member of the faculty may propose to the faculty council any suggestions or recommendations of the eligible candidates.

Section 6. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by the faculty council based on a minimum number of points assigned by the principal from a scoring guide.

Section 7. A description of the selection procedure shall be published in an official school publication.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Valley Park National Junior Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection to NJHS is a privilege, not a right. Selection for membership by the faculty council is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. Prospective members are not full members until they have been properly inducted. Only circumstances such as illness or personal emergency will be considered as a reason for missing an induction. An informal induction will be held for the candidate at a later date should an illness or personal emergency arise.

Section 3. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter adviser to Valley Park Middle School 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 4. Members must attend all regular and special meetings. After three unexcused meetings, the member’s membership shall be terminated.

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

Section 6. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of membership and signed by the principal.

Section 7. Excused absences will be considered by the chapter adviser on the basis of doctor appointments, illnesses, funerals, other special emergency situations, or other school functions.

Section 8. There will be only two excused absences for other school functions.

ARTICLE IV

Dismissal

Section 1. Members who fall below either academic or behavior standards of maintaining grades of 3 or 4 per standard per core class each quarter shall be promptly warned in writing by the faculty adviser and be given the next quarter to again meet the scholastic requirements. If these requirements are not met by the end of the quarter of warning, said member shall be dismissed.

Section 2. Members who fail to meet the standards of character, leadership, service, and citizenship, shall be promptly warned in writing by the principal and be given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 3. A member will be allowed only one warning period.

Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council and principal.

Section 5. For minor offenses, faculty council or the principal may also suspend certain chapter privileges or request that the student receive special counseling.

Section 6. The chapter advisor shall periodically review the standing of members for compliance with Society standards.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, historian, and treasurer.

Section 2. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officers of this chapter.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 4. The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president.

Section 5. The secretary shall keep minutes of meetings and attendance and shall notify the chapter advisor of any member having three unexcused absences.

Section 6. The historian shall take pictures and keep a photo album.

Section 7. The treasurer shall count money.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held as needed during the school year on days designated by the chapter adviser.

Section 2. The officers of the chapter shall be elected at the first regular meeting of the year.

Section 3. The chapter adviser may call special meetings.

Section 4. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the sponsorship of the principal or some member of the faculty.

ARTICLE VIII

Activities

Section 1. Each chapter shall determine one or more service projects for the year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided that the chapter adviser and/or the school principal have approved the proposed amendment.