

CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

Article 1: Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship in and enjoyment and understanding of mathematics among high school (or two-year college) students.

Article 2: Name

Section 1: The name of this chapter shall be the Kingwood Park High School of MA Θ or known as Kingwood Park Math National Honor Society (KP MNHS).

Article 3: Sponsor

Section 1: The organization shall have a designated sponsor or sponsors.

Section 2: The national treasurer must be kept informed of the current sponsor's name, email address, and the school's address.

Article 4: Membership

Section 1: Students are classified as members or associates at high schools and members at two-year colleges.

Section 2: Members are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed the equivalent of two years of college preparatory mathematics and in addition have completed or are enrolled in a third college preparatory mathematics course, providing their mathematical work was done with distinction. On the 4-point grading scale, this shall mean at least a 3.0 grade point average. Two-year college students who were members of Mu Alpha Theta in high school are immediately eligible for membership in their college's chapter. Students are also eligible if they have had at least one mathematics course at or above the Precalculus level with a 3.0 math GPA in all two-year college mathematics courses at or above the Precalculus level.

Section 3: Associates are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed one year of algebra, or its equivalent, with distinction and are currently enrolled in a higher math course. Associates are not members of Mu Alpha Theta but are likely candidates for membership. Associates do not pay the initiation fee but are eligible to be listed with the National Office, should they wish to participate in Mu Alpha Theta national math contests. While they are not entitled to vote nor hold office in their chapter, they are entitled to attend and be heard at meetings. Associates planning to attend the national convention must be registered with the National Office. A student may remain an associate for

only one year and then, if eligible, must be inducted as a member of Mu Alpha Theta. Any student who is not eligible to be made a member after one year will be deleted as an associate, but may continue to participate in math club activities.

Section 4: Members shall demonstrate the ability to work with others, to conduct independent research, and shall possess qualities of industry, initiative, and reliability. No student will be denied membership of race, religion, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference and/or physical disability.

Section 5: Selection of members shall be made by the Admissions Committee (See Article 7) composed of the sponsor and the officers of the chapter.

Section 6: Members must earn a set of minimum points each year to maintain membership. Points can include but not limited to: attendance of meetings, service learning, UIL math events, and Math NHS tutoring. If members do not meet the minimum by the specified date, they can be removed from membership and cannot reapply for a minimum of six months. Senior year members who achieve the minimum amount of points will be eligible for an honor cord. Members must pay a separate fee for the honor cord and delivered during Kingwood Park's Honor Night Ceremony.

~~Section 7: Members may be dismissed, if found to be in violation, of the scholastic dishonesty by school officials. Sponsor and math teacher committee members will choose whether the member is dismissed.~~

Article 5: Discipline & Dismissal

Section 1: A student may be dismissed from the Kingwood Park High School of MAO (Kingwood Park Math National Honor Society), if s/he receives campus punishment for flagrant violation of school policy or civil law. Infractions of this nature may include but are not limited to the following: DUI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or any infraction involving the possession, distribution, or use of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities. In such cases, if the student is a member of the Kingwood Park High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS), the ruling of the NHS Faculty Council (or the school principal, upon appeal) will be the determination of the student's status in all campus honor societies. Therefore, if a student is dismissed from NHS, s/he will immediately receive dismissal from all other campus National Honor Societies in which the student has concurrently maintained membership. This includes but is not limited to: Math National Honor Society, Social Studies National Honor Society, English National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, French National Honor Society & Spanish National Honor Society.

Section 2: If a student is a member of multiple honor societies but not NHS and receives a campus punishment for a flagrant violation defined in Article 1, a hearing will be conducted by the faculty councils of the pertinent honor societies to determine the status of the student's standing within each respective honor society. Should a student be a member of only one honor society, the respective faculty council will determine the student's membership status.

Section 3: If a student is dismissed from any National Honor Society, s/he forfeits his/her right to continue pending applications and/or begin new applications to any National Honor Societies for the duration of the academic year in which s/he is dismissed and the subsequent academic year following his/her dismissal.

Article 56: Meetings

Section 1: The chapter shall meet ~~regularly~~ periodically at a specified time that is agreeable to both the Admissions Committee and the school administration.

Section 2: Meetings are open to all interested persons, not just members of Mu Alpha Theta.

Section 3: In all matters of conduct not specifically addressed in this constitution, the chapter shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 67: Officers

Section 1: The chapter officers shall be the following: president, vice-president(s), secretary, treasurer, historian, and membership liaison.

Section 2: Election of officers shall take place through an application process. Only members registered with the National Office are eligible to run for office.

Section 3: The term of office is one school year.

Section 4: An officer may not hold the same office for more than one year.

Article 78: Duties of Officers

Section 1: The president shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. He or she shall preside at all business sessions, and it shall be the duty of the president to direct the activities of the organization.

Section 2: The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president at times when the president is absent, and shall also serve as program chairman. The vice-president(s) shall oversee fundraising options and membership.

Section 3: The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings. He or she may, with the approval of the sponsor, help to submit the names of new members to the National Office within one month of initiation.

Section 4: The treasurer shall help the chapter sponsor to collect initiation fees for the chapter and shall maintain an accurate record of financial transactions.

Section 5: The historian shall take photos during meetings and events. Also, he/she should assist other officers when necessary.

Section 6: The membership liaison shall maintain member points and assist with the website.

Section 7: The officers shall serve, with the sponsors, as the Admissions Committee and Executive Committee, having authority to transact all routine business and to select new members of the chapter.

Article 9: Emblems

Section 1: Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the Mu Alpha Theta insignia (buttons, pins, charms, patches, medallions, tassels, or t-shirts) available from the National Office and honor cords or tassels at graduation.

(NOTE: Current price lists and descriptions of products are printed in Appendix C of the Sponsor's Handbook. Before ordering, schools should check online for any changes in items of pricing.)

Article 10: Constitution

Section 1: Concurrence of two-thirds of the members shall be required to accept this constitution.

Section 2: Any amendment to this constitution must be presented by a member in the form of a motion during a business meeting. It must then be placed on the table until the following meeting, at which time it will become effective provided it is passed by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

Section 3: The local chapter constitution must not violate any stipulation of the National Constitution.