Article I Name
The name of this organization shall be the R.M. Marrs Magnet Center National Junior Honor Society.

Article II Objectives
The objectives of this local organization shall be:
- To create enthusiasm for scholarship
- To stimulate a desire to render service
- To promote leadership
- To develop character
- To encourage citizenship

Article III Principal
Section 1. The principal of R.M. Marrs Magnet Center shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.

Section 2. The principal shall annually appoint a chapter advisor, who may serve consecutive terms.

Article IV Chapter Advisor
Section 1. The chapter advisor shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students and community. Duties of the chapter advisor shall include the following:
1. Attends all National Junior Honor Society meetings
2. Supervises and gives advice to NJHS
3. Supervises special events associated with NJHS
4. Supervises and controls the spending of funds
5. Encourages NJHS to have specific and organized plans for activities
6. Provides advice on school policies as they apply to NJHS functions

Section 2. The chapter advisor shall regularly review each member for compliance with National Junior Honor Society standards and obligations.

Section 3. The chapter advisor shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties.

Article V Membership
Section 1. Membership in R.M. Marrs Magnet Center’s National Junior Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a R.M. Marrs Magnet Center student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship.

Section 2. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits in National Junior High Society at of R.M. Marrs Magnet Center or any other middle school.
Section 3. Candidates become members of R.M. Marrs Magnet Center’s National Junior Honor Society when inducted at a special ceremony.

Article VI Selection of Members

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the 8th grade. A candidate must have attended R.M. Marrs Magnet Center for the equivalent of one semester and selected at the end of their 7th grade year.

Section 2. Candidate must have a cumulative scholastic average of 3.5. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 3. The selection of each member to the R.M. Marrs Magnet Center’s National Junior Honor Society shall be a majority vote of the faculty council.

Article VII Consequences/Dismissal

Section 1. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and 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. Extra service hours or suspension from an organized NJHS activity may be assigned.

Section 2. Members who are suspended from school and/or required to serve time in the Student Success Center (SSC) will be warned in writing that he/she is NOT meeting the standards of R.M. Marrs Magnet Center’s National Junior Honor Society. Extra service hours or suspension from an organized NJHS activity may be assigned.

The second time the member is suspended or serves time in SSC, his/her name will be brought to the faculty council and disciplinary measures will be discussed. If the faculty council believes that dismissal is warranted, a thorough investigation will be completed before any final action is taken. A member will be notified in writing of the violation and the possibility of dismissal.

Section 3. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 4. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision should be sent to the member, his/her parents and principal. The member must surrender the NJHS emblem and membership card to the chapter advisor.

Article VIII Chapter Officers

Section 1. The officers of R.M. Marrs Magnet Center’s National Junior Honor Society shall be as follows: Co-Presidents, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 2. Nominations and elections will be completed during the 1st semester of the school year. Voting will be completed by secret ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect any chapter officer.
Section 3. Being a National Junior Honor Society officer is more than just having a title. Each officer is expected to fulfill several duties, in addition to their regular responsibilities as an NJHS member. If an officer does not fulfill his/her duties, the membership may vote to have the officer removed and a new election for that office will be held as soon as possible. Any officer removed from office due to neglect of duties will not be able to participate in the year-end celebration. Below is a general description of the duties of each office:

Co-Presidents
- Develops the agenda for and presides over the NJHS meeting
- Supervises the functioning of the elected NJHS officers
- Coordinates the selection and functioning of committee chairpersons
- Coordinates the work of all committees
- Represents the NJHS at any school functions
- Meets with the advisor and principal regarding activities for NJHS
- Coordinates activities with Scholars, Falcon Ambassadors, Youth Volunteer and/or any other R.M. Marrs Magnet Center organizations

Secretary
- Keeps complete set of records of all NJHS meetings and activities
- Keeps National Junior Honor Society files in order – this includes attendance and community service hours
- Works with co-presidents on preparing the agenda and minutes to be used at each meeting
- Sends notices and minutes to NJHS members prior to the meeting
- Keeps track of meeting dates, times, places and committees
- Works with advisor regarding correspondence

Sergeant-at-Arms
- Works with secretary to distribute notices, agendas, and other materials to the members, visitors, etc... through print or media (such as, daily announcements and website updates)
- Maintains order at all meetings
- Helps other officers as needed

Article IX Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the chapter, committee chairpersons, and the chapter advisors.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter, between its business meetings and make recommendations to the chapter. The executive committee shall meet on a regular basis to review General and committee meetings. All actions and recommendations of the executive committee shall be subject to the review of the chapter membership.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have the responsibility for ensuring that chapter activities and procedures follow school policy and regulations.
**Article X Meetings**

Section 1. R.M. Marrs Magnet Center’s National Junior Honor Society will meet at least twice a month. The executive committee will choose the day of the meetings.

Section 2. All members are required to attend the meetings. *Excused* absence requirements are as follows:
- Contact the chapter advisors
- Absent from school that day
- After three excused absences in one semester, the member will meet with the chapter advisor to discuss attendance and participation in National Junior Honor Society meetings and activities.

Section 3. If a member has 3 *unexcused* absences, he/she will be put on probation. The chapter advisor will contact the member and advise him/her of the probation. The chapter advisor will also contact the parents/guardians in writing to inform them of their son/daughter’s probation. If a member has 2 more unexcused absences, his/her name will be given to the faculty council with recommendation for dismissal.

Section 4. Any member on probation for meeting attendance will not be able to participate in the year-end celebration.

**Article XI Activities**

Section 1. R.M. Marrs Magnet Center’s National Junior Honor Society shall have a minimum of 3 service projects for the year.

Section 2. All members shall participate in these service projects. Any member who does not participate in approximately 75% of the NJHS sponsored service projects will be ineligible for participation in the year-end celebration.

Section 3. Projects shall have the following characteristics:
- Fulfill a need within the school or community
- Have the support of the administration and faculty
- Be appropriate and educationally defensible
- Be well planned, organized, and executed

Section 4. All publicity must be approved by chapter advisors and the principal.

**Article XII Community Service**

Section 1. Each member shall donate a minimum of 10 hours *outside* of school hours per semester towards service areas of his/her choosing. These activities may include volunteer (unpaid) hours either within the community or school.

Section 2. Service hours shall be turned in to the chapter advisor at the end of each quarter or semester. Service hours shall be verified by sponsor and/or parent signature. The due dates for this year are December 13, 2019 and April 24, 2020.

Section 3. If a member does not complete the required number of hours for the semester, he/she will be put on probation, and extra service hours and suspension from an organized
NJHS activity may be assigned. The chapter advisor will contact the member and advise him/her of the probation. Chapter advisor will also contact the parent/guardian to inform them of their child's probation. Hours will need to be completed within a month or before the End of the Year Celebration. If not completed, the member will not be allowed to attend the End of the Year Celebration and the member's name will be given to the faculty council with recommendation for dismissal.

**Section 4.** Any member on probation for incomplete community service hours will not be able to participate in the year-end celebration.

**Article XIII Sub-Committee Participation**

**Section 1.** Each sub-committee shall consist of 4-5 members. Members need to participate in at least one sub-committee per year. Attendance at sub-committee meetings are the same as for attendance at regular meetings. If a person cannot attend a sub-committee meeting, he/she must contact the sub-committee chairperson and/or chapter advisor.

**Section 2.** Any member not attending sub-committee meetings will not be able to participate in the year-end celebration.

**Article XIV Academic Standards**

**Section 1.** Each member must maintain a cumulative semester grade point average of 3.5. If a member falls below the stated grade point average, he/she will be put on probation. The chapter advisor will contact the member and advise him/her of the probation. Chapter advisor will also contact the parent/guardian to inform them of the child's probation. A signed study plan shall be put together by the chapter advisor and the student with input from his/her parents.

**Section 2.** If a member does not adhere to the study plan and work to improve the cumulative semester grade point average, his/her name will be given to the faculty council with recommendation for dismissal.

**Section 3.** Any member on academic probation who does not complete the requirements and/or improve will not be able to participate in the year-end celebration.

These R.M. Marrs Magnet Centers National Junior Honor Society by-laws are current through the 2019-2020 school year.
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