

Constitution: CPHS Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta

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 Cedar Park High School chapter of Mu Alpha Theta.

Article 3. Sponsor

Section 1. The organization shall at all times have a designated sponsor.

Section 2. The national Secretary-Treasurer must be kept informed of the current sponsor's name and address.

Article 4. Membership

Section 1. Members are classified as full or associate members.

Section 2. Full members are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed four semesters of college preparatory mathematics and have completed or are enrolled in a fifth semester of mathematics, provided that this work has been done with distinction. On the 4-point grading scale, this shall mean at least a 3.0 grade point **or a B average (>80%). High School level courses completed in middle school will be counted towards math average, and extra grade points for advanced courses will be awarded.**

Section 3. Associate members are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed two semesters of algebra or their equivalent with distinction and who have completed, or are enrolled in, a semester of geometry or second-year algebra. Associate members do not pay the initiation fee. They are entitled to attend and be heard at meetings of the chapter, but are not entitled to vote on questions of national policy. Associate members planning to attend the National Convention, must be registered with the national office.

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

Section 5. Candidates for membership shall have spent at least one semester in LISD. However this requirement shall be waived for students who were members in good standing of a Mu Alpha Theta chapter in another school.

Section 6. Selection of members shall be made by the Admissions Committee (See Article 7) composed of the sponsor and the officers of the chapter.

Section 7. Members shall attend all local meetings. ~~If an absence is necessary, a member may obtain 1 additional math hour to make up for a missed meeting.~~ **If a member must be absent, they should turn in a signed excuse note as soon as possible. Members will be allowed 3 excused absences without penalty. After 3 excused absences members will owe one additional math hour for each**

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Section 8. Members shall contribute \$7 toward local dues.

Section 9: Members who have 4 or more unexcused absences, have not pay dues, or have not completed the requisite math and service hours will be placed on probation. After one probation notice students who do not complete their requirements in a timely fashion, and/or have a 5th unexcused absence will be dismissed from the Cedar Park Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta.

Section 10: All members will complete a minimum of 2 math hours and 2 service hours each semester. Any extra hours completed in the 1st semester will carry over to the 2nd. Extra math hours may be substituted for service hours, but not vice versa.

Section 11: All members will participate actively in a committee of their choice. Committees are as follows: Social, Service, Math Programs, and Scrapbook. ***Members will serve a minimum of 2 hours per semester on their chosen committee.***

Article 5. Meetings

Section 1. The chapter shall meet regularly 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.

Section 3. At regular meetings, the program shall consist of a mathematical presentation (e.g., talk, film, etc.), mathematical enrichment and recreational topics, as well as conducting any necessary chapter business.

Section 4. In all matters of conduct not specifically addressed in this constitution, the chapter shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 6. Officers

Section 1. The chapter officers shall be the following: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian and the parliamentarian.

Section 2. Election of officers shall take place at the ~~last spring~~ ***April*** meeting.

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 7. 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 the induction ceremony***, and it shall be the duty of the president to direct the activities of the organization and serve as programs ***and serve as Social Chairperson.***

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President at times when the President is absent, ***maintain attendance records***, and shall also serve as ~~Programs Chairman~~. ***Math Programs Chairperson***.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings. He or she shall, with the approval of the sponsor, certify the names of new members, forwarding these (together with initiation fees) to the national office before the initiation. ***The Secretary will also be responsible for maintaining the Chapter bulletin board and will also serve as Service Co-Chair***.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall handle all money belonging to the Chapter and shall maintain an accurate record of financial transactions. ***The Treasurer will also serve as Math Programs Co-Chair***.

Section 5. The Historian shall keep records of special events, including initiation. ~~The Historian will also be responsible for keeping up the Chapter bulletin board~~. ***The Historian will also serve as Scrapbook Chairperson***.

Section 6. **The Student Council Representative shall represent the Chapter's interests in Student Council and report information back to the Chapter.**

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 8. Emblems

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the Mu Alpha Theta insignia (buttons, pins, charms, shoulder patches, medallions, or t-shirts) available from the national office.

Article 9. Constitution

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

Section 2. Any amendment to this constitution must be presented by a full 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 the full members.

Section 3. The local chapter constitution must not violate any stipulation of the national constitution.

Section 4. By-laws may be adopted to amplify the constitution and to take care of details.