Article 1: Name and Purpose
Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the Conroe High School Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, which appears on the charter granted by the National Council of the National Honor Society, duly signed by the members of the National Council.

Section 2. The object of this chapter 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 students of Conroe High School.

Section 3. The NHS shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191-1537.

Article II: The National Council
Section 1. The control of this organization shall be vested in the National Council.

Article III: Membership
Section 1. Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Membership of this chapter shall be known as active and graduate. The graduate members have no vote; active members become graduate members following graduation.

Section 3. Students achieving a cumulative 4.1 grade point average (on a 5.0 scale) after the fifth semester of high school, who are passing all of their classes, and who meet CHS standards of character, will be eligible for induction, and will receive a petition for membership after completing their fifth semester of high school.
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Section 5. Students will receive a petition for membership in the society and return it as required. If the student’s petition is late or not returned, he/she will not be considered for induction.

Section 6. All transfer students must be in residence at Conroe High School two semesters to become eligible for membership in the CHS chapter of the NHS. This requirement may be waived upon the recommendation of the Principal.

Section 7. Students who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Section 8. Any current member who is classified as a senior and is in good standing may apply for the scholarship in May of their senior year. The scholarship will be chosen based on a point system. Up to 10 points are given for the essay, 1 point given for each meeting attended, 2 points for each NHS community service project attended. The number and amount of scholarships given are determined by the advisor and based on money raised from the car wash.

Article IV. Selection of Members

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must have completed five semesters of high school. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of two semesters. (Some candidates may be ineligible for induction because of the semester ruling. Many students, including students of military parents, are required to move with parents or guardians that have transferred due to work requirements. The present school principal should seek a recommendation from the previous school principal pursuant to the candidate’s selection. On the basis of the recommendation of the previous principal, the principal may waive the semester regulation.) The NHS sponsor will use students’ completed petitions and forms along with input from teachers and/or counselors to qualify students for membership. Once qualified, the student will be inducted.

Section 2. Any behavior violating membership qualities duly reported to the sponsor and/or Principal will be referred to the Faculty Committee and membership may be terminated. The student will be entitled to an appeal to the Principal who is the deciding judge.

Section 3. In addition to meeting specific academic and service requirements, National Honor Society members are required to be active participants in the functions and responsibilities of NHS. This includes attendance at 75% of NHS
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meetings per semester, assistance at the senior awards ceremony, attendance/assistance at the NHS induction ceremony, and other times when NHS is called upon.

Article V. Dismissal

Section 1. Members who fall below the standards that were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor (sponsor) and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Section 2. Members are required to attend 75% of NHS meetings each semester, participate in a minimum of two NHS sponsored service activity each semester, complete one individually organized community service project per tenure in CHS NHS, participate in the scholarship fund raising activity, and promptly pay CHS NHS dues by the deadline set forth. Students who do not meet their obligations to NHS will be dismissed. These students will not be mentioned on the NHS yearbook page or any other NHS sponsored advertisement nor will the official seal or cord/stole be issued at graduation.

Section 3. Any behavior violating membership qualities, duly reported to the advisor and/or principal, may result in dismissal from NHS.

Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the principal, appropriate assistant principal and NHS advisor. This is considered “due process” for all members.

Section 5. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 6. The National Council and NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

Article VI: Officers

Section 1. The officers will be elected by the membership. In the event of a tie ballot, the advisor will decide how to remedy the situation in an equitable manner.
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Section 2. There will be 8 officers elected. The officers of this chapter will be the President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and 2 Officers at Large.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of this chapter. In case of absence, the board and/or advisor will direct one or more members to preside in his/her absence.

Section 4. All officers will attend a separate monthly meeting to plan and organize designated service projects and/or handle any other organizational needs.

Article VII: Supervision

Section 1. The activities of this chapter shall be subject to the approval of the advisor and principal.

Article VIII: Meeting

Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be determined by the officers and advisor subject to the Principal’s approval and facility availability. For the 2014-2015 school year, meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month (unless this is a school holiday) at 5:30 PM in the CHS LGI (Large Group Instruction Room). If this day is a school holiday or a conflict arises, the new meeting date will be set by the advisor.

Section 2. All members are expected to be on time to the meetings. The meetings will begin promptly at 5:30 PM and any member 15 minutes late to a meeting will not be considered in attendance under the membership guidelines mentioned in Article V.
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Article IX: Expectations for Members

Section 1. As a member of the CHS National Honor Society, it is mandatory that each member will:
   A. Complete two CHS NHS-sponsored community service project per semester.
   B. Complete one individually organized community service event per tenure in CHS NHS.
   C. Attend the annual NHS induction ceremony (whether as inductee or current member) to be held Monday, March 3, 2014 at Church of Christ Conroe at 7pm.
   D. Contribute $20.00 per school year for dues to fund the group’s service by the deadline set forth.
   E. Participate in the scholarship fund-raising activity (car wash) to be held Saturday, May 3, 2014.
   F. Attend a minimum of 75% of the NHS meetings per semester unless excused by the advisor or Principal PRIOR to that meeting.
   G. Sign the below acknowledgement of Constitution guidelines and return to the advisor by the deadline set forth.

Article X: Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended provided that the proposed amendments have been approved by the advisor and the school principal.

I have received, read, and understand the Constitution for the Conroe High School Chapter of the National Honor Society and request to be considered for membership.
Please return this signed portion to Ms. Bryant (Room 314) or Mrs. Sheth (Room 303) no later than Monday, February 24 by 3:00PM.

Date:________________________
Printed Student’s Name:______________________________________________________
Student’s Signature:__________________________________________________________

Printed Parent/Guardian Name:_______________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature:___________________________________________________