ARTICLE I: NAME
The name of this chapter shall be the Woodbury Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society at Woodbury School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE
The purpose of this chapter is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and citizenship, and to encourage the development of character in students of Woodbury School.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1. This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the NJHS National Constitution. See www.nhs.us/constitutions

Section 2. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 3. Final authority on all activities and decision of the chapter resides with the school principal. (See Article V, Section 1 of the National Constitution.)

Section 4. Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of the NJHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex (gender) and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Citizenship and Character.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active. Active members become alumni members at graduation.

Section 3. Eligibility:
   a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be members of the seventh grade class and currently in the second semester of seventh grade.
   b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Woodbury School.
   c. Candidates eligible for selection to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 3.8 (95%) on a 4.0 scale. This cumulative GPA is based on the student’s
cumulative GPA in grade six AND his or her cumulative GPA for the first semester (quarters one and two) in grade seven in core classes. Cumulative GPA will be assessed on an individual basis when a student is receiving a Pass/Fail grade in one or more core classes to determine academic eligibility. A core class is a shared academic class, which includes Science, Math, Social Studies and LA.

d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council, which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, nonvoting member of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:
   a. Students’ academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
   b. All students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Candidate’s Form for further consideration.
   c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.
   d. The Faculty Council shall review the Candidate forms and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. An active member of the NJHS who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 6. An active member of the NJHS who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in the Woodbury Chapter. The Faculty Council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for the Woodbury Chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be $15.00.

Section 2. Each member of this chapter who is in good standing with regard to the membership standards and member obligations shall be granted the privilege to wear the emblem adopted by the NJHS.
Section 3. Any member who withdraws, resigns or is dismissed from the chapter shall have the privilege of wearing the emblem to the chapter revoked.

Section 4. Each member of this chapter is required to complete a minimum total of 28 community service hours by the end of their eighth grade year before becoming alumni members at graduation.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, service coordinator and historian.

Section 2. Student officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each school year. All returning members in good standing with the chapter are eligible to run for a position as an officer. Any active member can nominate an eligible member as a candidate for office.

Section 3. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter. If the first vote does not yield a majority, a second vote shall be taken of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the chapter, and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.

Section 5. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president and shall also keep a record of members’ contributions to leadership and service.

Section 6. The secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings and be responsible for all official correspondence.

Section 7. The treasurer shall keep the record of business expenses, dues, and all other financial transactions of the chapter.

Section 8. The service coordinator shall keep the records of community service hour logs received by members of the chapter.

Section 9. The historian shall keep a photo journal to record group service activities of the NJHS and other noteworthy experiences.

Section 10. If an officer’s position becomes vacant due to unforeseen circumstances including but not limited to withdrawing from the school or wanting to step down from his or her duties, and also involving vacancies due to dismissal (see Article X), then the original processes involved for officer selection and election shall apply.

Section 11. Officers and the faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter’s Executive Committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter. Any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.
ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be monthly. Special meetings can be called by the chapter adviser or by the president, with approval from the chapter advisor.

Section 2. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to Robert’s Rules of Order.

Section 3. Members are expected to attend all chapter meetings.

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

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

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

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project which reflects his or her particular talent and interests and is approved by the chapter adviser.

Section 5. The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE and DISMISSAL of MEMBERS

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, or service may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Woodbury chapter of the NJHS. A member is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership in his/her school and community.

Section 2. If a member’s cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (3.8 Cumulative GPA for Q3 and Q4 of sixth grade year and Q1 and Q2 of seventh grade year), he/she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council that can include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 3. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.
Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 5. Chapter officers, as representatives of the chapter, can be removed from their positions as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the Faculty Council.

Section 6. In all cases of pending dismissal:
   a. The member will receive written notification from the adviser/Faculty Council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
   b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented in lieu of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the Faculty Council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is needed to dismiss any member.
   c. The results of the Faculty Council vote will be presented to the principal for review, and then stated in a letter sent to the student and parents. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.
   d. The Faculty Council’s decision may be appealed to the building principal and afterwards according to provisions of the school district discipline policies.
   e. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the NJHS.

Section 7. In lieu of dismissal, the Faculty Council may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, and REVIEW

Section 1. The bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the Faculty Council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2. These bylaws shall be received and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS
These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles V and X, which are developed by the Faculty Council with the approval of the principal (selection and discipline).