



# The South Carolina Chapter of the Teacher Cadet National Honor Society Bylaws



**All Teacher Cadet National Honor Society members must adopt and follow the National Constitution.**

## **Article I: Name and Purpose**

- Section 1:** The name of this organization shall be the Teacher Cadet National Honor Society.
- Section 2:** The purpose of this organization shall be to honor scholarship, develop character, promote leadership, and stimulate a desire to serve.

## **Article II: Vested Powers**

- Section 1:** The control of this organization shall be vested in the pre-collegiate division of the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement (CERRA).
- Section 2:** All decisions reached by the staff of CERRA's pre-collegiate programs will be obtained through a majority vote.
- Section 3:** The director of pre-collegiate programs shall reserve the right to approve and veto all activities and decisions of the chapter.
- Section 4:** The chapter advisor shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and the disciplining or dismissal of members. The chapter advisor may ask the pre-collegiate staff to reach a decision on appeals.

## **Article III: The Chapter Advisor**

- Section 1:** The chapter advisor shall act as liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community.
- Section 2:** The chapter advisor shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions.
- Section 3:** Non-compliance issues should be reported to the chapter advisor. When a member's grade average falls below the chapter's standard, the advisor will inform the student and his/her parents. The member will then be on probation until the next grading period when the grade average must meet the standard. While on probation, the member may not participate in an induction ceremony. If the GPA does not improve, the student may be dismissed from the chapter.

If a student fails to adhere to the membership guidelines, he/she may be placed on probation and then dismissed if there is no improvement. He/she may submit a letter of appeal to the chapter advisor.

On issues concerning questionable character or behavior of a chapter member, the advisor will discuss the matter with CERRA's Pre-Collegiate Division. Before making a decision on membership, the Division may listen to the member and to his/her parents, who may appear before the Division to speak and to answer questions deemed pertinent by the Division. The Division will then vote, with majority rule applying to the member's retention or dismissal.



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## Article IV: Membership

**Section 1:** Membership in the South Carolina Chapter of the Teacher Cadet National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection is by a Teacher Leadership Committee of the Division and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. The GPA requirement is 3.5 or higher, unrounded, on a 4.0 scale. Each eligible student is required to complete an application attesting to his/her scholarship, character, leadership and service.

The Teacher Leadership Committee of the Division will receive all applications and supporting documentation to determine acceptance. The Committee will score each student's application for eligibility, based on previously determined criteria.

**Section 2:** Any student who has a record of cheating will not be eligible for membership.

**Section 3:** Candidates become members when formally inducted at a special ceremony held in the spring.

**Section 4:** Students who are dismissed are never again eligible for membership.

**Section 5:** Dues of \$25 will be paid for membership.

## Article V: Amendments

**Section 1:** The Constitution may be amended by CERRA's Pre-Collegiate Staff as warranted, by a majority vote.