

**Constitution of the  
Business Honor Society of Fairfax County**

Article I — Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Business Honor Society of Fairfax County.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote scholarship and to create and encourage interest in business which will help the members to grow ethically, intellectually, and socially.

Article II - Sponsorship

Section 1. The Business Honor Society of Fairfax County is sponsored by the Business Education Teacher Association of Fairfax County.

Article III — Charter

Section 1. The Business Honor Society of Fairfax County shall consist of Chapters in Fairfax County high schools

Article IV — Chapters

Section 1. In secondary schools, the principal or the business department chairperson may appoint an adviser in charge of the school chapter.

Section 2. A logo for membership cards and certificates will be available for each chapter

Section 3. Each Chapter is required to hold an annual meeting at which time the probationary and active students are accepted as members and receive the membership certificates.

Section 4. Each Chapter may select its own name.

Section 5. Each Chapter may set its own fees to offset costs including reception and honor cords.

Article V— Membership

Section 1. Membership in any chapter shall be based upon:

1. Scholarship
2. Professional Attitudes

Section 2. The student's general scholastic record during the sophomore, junior, and senior year will be the basis upon which the scholastic achievements for membership will be determined. The Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook of Fairfax County Public Schools will serve as the basis upon which the professional attitudes for membership will be determined.

Section 3. **Probationary members** may be sophomores and juniors who meet the following requirements:

1. Currently enrolled in a business class during the sophomore or junior year
2. A total of 2 credits (4 semesters) in business courses completed by the end of the sophomore or junior year
3. A general scholastic average of 2.8 at the time of application with no final grades lower than 'C.'
4. A final grade of B (3.0) or higher in all business courses completed and a B or higher at the time of application.
5. The candidate must be judged worthy by the chapter adviser and/or committee by meeting the standards of professional attitudes as expressed in FCPS Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Section 4. **Senior membership** must meet the following requirements:

1. A total of 3 credits in FCPS Business and Information Technology subjects upon graduation.
2. A general scholastic average of 2.8 at the time of application with no final grades lower than 'C.'
3. A final grade of B (3.0) or higher in all business courses.
4. The candidate must be judged worthy by the chapter adviser and/or committee by meeting the standards of professional attitudes as expressed in FCPS Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Section 5. Members must reapply each year.

Section 6. The number of qualified students a Chapter may have is unlimited.

#### Article VI — Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by the Business Education Teacher Association at any meeting, or by email, provided there is a majority vote.

Section 2. Chapter Advisers may initiate an amendment to the constitution by a vote of the individual members of the Chapter. The proposed amendment should be forwarded to Business Education Teacher Association Board for consideration and approval.