

**CONSTITUTION**  
**CLEMENTS HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**  
**TEXAS GAMMA BETA CHAPTER OF DELTA EPSILON PHI**  
adopted November 1998, amended August 24, 2005 and January 18, 2006

Article I - Name and Affiliation

The society will be known as the Clements High School German National Honor Society. The society will be a chapter of the national organization Delta Epsilon Phi, which is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the society will be to acknowledge student achievement in the study of the German language, to promote a greater knowledge and appreciation of German-speaking culture, and to promote friendship among speakers of the German language, both within Clements High School and beyond its walls.

Article III - Membership

Section 1 - Membership is by invitation only. To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed at least three semesters of German, have a 3.0 grade-point average in all high-school courses, and have a 3.6 grade-point average **or** a 90 average in all German courses. GPAs are to be calculated on a 4.0 scale without special weighting for advanced or honors courses (90-100 → A/4; 80-89 → B/3; 75-79 → C/2; 70-74 → D/1; 0-69 → F/0). If a member's grades fall below these levels, he/she will be on probation for one semester. The member will be removed if the grades are not back to the required level at the end of the probationary semester. German National Honor Society members must also be active members of the German Club.

Section 2 - A student who has been punished by the school administration at any time during his/her high-school career for a violation of the Academic Honor Code is automatically excluded from consideration for induction to the society. A member of the society who is punished by the school administration for a violation of the Academic Honor Code after his/her induction is automatically removed from the society and may not be considered for readmission in any subsequent year.

Section 3 - New members will be inducted in the spring at a ceremony to be scheduled and planned by the officers and sponsor. Dues will be charged annually at the beginning of the school year or, for new members, after the induction ceremony, and the amount will be set by the officers and the sponsor. The officers and sponsor will also establish at the beginning of each school year an amount of "participation points" that each member should accumulate over the course of the year and a procedure for recording these points. These participation points may include community service hours if the officers so determine. Those who do not accumulate the required number of participation points will be removed from the society, and those who do not do so during their senior year will not be entitled to wear GNHS honor cords at graduation.

Section 4 - Members of the society in good standing at the end of their senior year are entitled to wear GNHS honor cords at graduation. The cords will be provided by the society at no cost to the students.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1 - The officers of the society shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Historian. The officers for the upcoming year will be elected in the preceding spring at a meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2 - Each candidate will, by the designated deadline, sign up for the office he/she wishes to hold. A student must have accumulated the required number of participation points for the current year in order to run for an office for the following year. Each candidate shall run for only one office in the German National Honor Society. It is allowable to run for an office both in the German Club and the German National Honor Society, but once elected to an office in one of the two organizations, the candidate will withdraw his/her name from consideration for the other position. Candidates may campaign as they wish, within school regulations. All members of the society who are present at the election meeting, including seniors, are entitled to vote. Each candidate will give a speech at the election meeting. The candidate with the most votes will be elected.

Section 3 - If an officer commits a Level II offense (other than excessive tardies), he/she may be asked by the sponsor, in consultation with the student's assistant principal, to forfeit the office. If an officer fails to attend any officer meeting or any German National Honor Society meeting or function without informing the sponsor in advance of a schedule conflict or without an excused absence from school, he/she forfeits the office. If an office becomes vacant for any reason, a special election for that office may be scheduled at the discretion of the remaining officers and the sponsor.

Article V - Meetings

Meetings will be scheduled as necessary by the officers and the sponsor.

Article VI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the society by a majority of those present.