# Chiles MAO Round.jpgCHARTER 2018-2019

## PREAMBLE

Mu Alpha Theta is a prestigious organization dedicated to competitive mathematics. This club deals with the interactions among students in the attempt to develop math skills, collaborative skills, and leadership qualities. By doing this, Mu Alpha Theta will remain the notable organization it has become.

## ARTICLE I : MEMBERSHIP

**A.** Students who wish to become members of this organization must fill out an application form and submit it to the Sponsor by a deadline, which will be set by the Officers and Sponsor. The deadline and late fees shall be waived in the case of a transfer student or a student invited into the club by an officer or teacher after the deadline. In order to be accepted into the club, each student must meet the following requirements :

1. Students currently enrolled in Algebra I shall receive an automatic acceptance into the club. These students will be recognized as Associate Members, but will still receive the full benefits of membership as far as this club is concerned.
2. All other students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (on a scale of 4) in all math classes beginning with Algebra I. This requirement may be waived by a majority vote of the Officers or the Sponsor. Students who are currently enrolled in Geometry will be considered Associate members. Students currently enrolled in Algebra II and above will be recognized as Full Members. These designations are for National MAΘ purposes only.
3. Students whose grades drop below 3.0 in math during a semester shall be placed on probation. Probation is considered a warning and may carry with it consequences such as ineligibility for one or more competitions. A second consecutive semester of math grades below 3.0 shall cause the student(s) to become ineligible for MAΘ.
4. Students may apply for reinstatement into MAΘ after one semester of 3.0 or better grades in math.

If accepted, students are required to pay an announced fee set by the Officers and Sponsor. All members are responsible for attending meetings, practices, and major fundraisers unless pre-excused by the Sponsor, or President.

B. A member shall be defined as a student who has met the qualifications set forth in Article IA.

C. A member in good standing is defined as a student who has met the qualifications set forth in

Article IA, has participated in all mandatory fundraisers, has participated in at least two competitions, and has no outstanding debts.

### ARTICLE II : COMPETITIONS and FUNDRAISERS

A. There are three regional competitions, which Chiles High School must attend. Members are strongly encouraged to attend all three of these competitions.

B. From time to time, Chiles’ MAΘ will attend an Invitational in some part of the state. Students’ attendance at these competitions, while highly encouraged, is optional. Priority will be given to students who are team members, officers, and/or are chosen at the discretion of the Sponsor and officers.

C. Fundraisers are considered MAΘ activities. Participation is required at Major Fundraisers unless excused by the Sponsor. Participation in Minor Fundraisers is optional.

D. A student must be in good standing in order to be eligible to attend the State MAΘ Convention. The Sponsor may grant exceptions.

## ARTICLE III : OFFICERS and ELECTIONS

A. Mu Alpha Theta shall consist of an executive board of officers that will preside over all meetings and be included in all major decisions made concerning the club. The officers shall include : President, Vice President, Competition Captain, Community Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraiser, two Historians, and Web Master.

B. Anyone desiring to become an officer must be a member in good standing as determined by the Sponsor and at least one year of experience in Chiles MAΘ. The President and Vice President must be members of the Junior or Senior classes. Anyone desiring to be President must be a current officer in Chiles MAΘ. All other offices may come from any grade level. Some or all of these requirements may be waived by the Sponsor.

C. Officers are to meet at least once a month with the Sponsor or their designee to discuss MAΘ matters. An agenda shall be prepared by the President and approved by the Sponsor beforehand. The agenda and minutes of all Officers’ Meetings are public record unless specified by the Sponsor.

D. Officers are expected to attend all MAΘ functions unless pre-excused by the Sponsor.

E. The election process shall proceed as follows :

1) Approximately three weeks before the FAMAT State Convention, the Sponsor shall publish an application that all members desiring to be an officer for the following

school year must fill out and return to the Sponsor two weeks before the State Convention. The application should include all necessary information and allow the member to run for up to three offices of their choosing.

2) Upon receipt of the applications, the Sponsor and their designee(s) shall review them

and determine which office(s) the members may run for. Members may be allowed to run

for more than one office.

3) The ballot is to be published the week of the State Convention. At that time, members

who are running for office may withdraw from the election process from one or more

offices.

4) The election shall occur the week after the State Convention. The Sponsor may

adjust the election calendar as necessary.

5) The actual election shall proceed as follows :

1. Offices will be voted on in this order : President, Vice President, Competition

Captain, Community Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraiser, both Historians,

and Web Master.

1. For members running for multiple offices – the first office they win, their

name will be withdrawn from all other offices they are running for or, if they

lose, their name can remain on the ballot for offices yet to be voted on.

1. Ballots shall be counted by the Sponsor or their designee(s). No current student

may count ballots.

1. Members must win a majority of the votes to win an office. Offices with more

than two members on the ballot may have a run-off election where the top two

vote getters advance to a general election. The office of Historians provide an

exception to this rule – the top two vote getters will be declared the winners

(plurality).

F. Officers may be removed for reasons decided by the Sponsor (such as breaking club and/or school rules), and/or by 2/3 majority of the remaining officers. A written warning, when

applicable, should precede any removal from office.

G. If an officer must be replaced, the following procedure shall take place :

i. If the President leaves office, the Vice President shall assume the presidency and open

elections shall be held to fill the office of Vice President.

ii. All other offices are to be filled by open elections. Current officers may run for the

open office. If successful, further open elections shall take place to fill the new

vacancy (ies).

H. The Sponsor, at their discretion, may appoint up to three members who are not officers to

serve as Member Representatives. These students may not have specific responsibilities, but

can attend Officers’ Meetings as non-voting members. These Member Representatives will serve for the current school year only.

I. Newly elected officers will assume their duties following the end of the year Awards Ceremony,

which will occur after elections, but before Final Exams begin.

ARTICLE IV : DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. President – presides over all meetings, recruiting, membership, announces meetings, handles decisions, delegates and enforces responsibilities of all officers, and other members, prepares agendas for all meetings.

B. Vice President – works directly with the President, presides over meetings when the President is absent, in charge of recruiting, takes attendance at all meetings and competitions, in charge of the end of the year banquet.

C. Captains – Two captains will be elected each year. Their duties are as follows :

1) Captain in Charge of Competitions – organizes practices, helps teach same and lower divisions, is in charge of all divisions, recruiting. This captain must be a member of the Calculus division during the school year in which he/she serves.

2) Captain in Charge of Community Affairs – organizes and maintains the tutoring program, in

charge of academic affairs relating to the Chiles community, such as but not limited to Relay for Life; assists Captain in Charge of Competitions with practices, recruiting. This captain may be a member of any division.

D. Secretary – publicizes all meetings, takes minutes at all meetings and submits them neatly typed to the President and Sponsor, posts minutes on the MAΘ bulletin board, publicity after each competition, constructs phone list, recruiting.

E. Treasurer – updates club’s financial standing, writing receipts, development of budgets, taking minutes at meetings in the absence of the secretary, and recruiting.

F. Fundraiser – coordinates all fundraising events, corresponds and works with the parent group, and recruiting.

G. Historians – The Historians will be in charge of constructing a scrapbook of MAΘ functions for the State and National Conventions, constructing a poster for the State and National Conventions, taking pictures at all MAΘ events and recruiting.

H. Technology Coordinator – Maintains the MAΘ website, makes end of the year power point presentation, and recruiting.

## ARTICLE V : CHANGES TO THIS CHARTER

A. Following elections each school year, the newly elected Officers and the Sponsor will meet for the purposes of making changes to this charter. Any Officer and the Sponsor may submit items for discussion and vote. A simple majority of the officers voting is enough for changes to be made.

B. The Charter shall be distributed to all members of the organization at the beginning of the school year. A copy of the Charter shall be kept in the Principal’s office.

C. This Charter is in effect only when signed by all Officers and the Sponsor.

D. Any changes necessary during the school year will be handled by the Officers and the Sponsor following the procedure outlined in Section A.

E. New amendments may be proposed by members in good standing (or dues paying members if the Sponsor so deems) at regularly scheduled general meetings. Amendments will be passed with a simple majority of the members in good standing. The Sponsor may allow all dues paying members to vote if he/she deems there is an insufficient number of members in good standing.

## POSTSCRIPT

The factors mentioned in this Charter help make Mu Alpha Theta the organization it is today. If followed, MAΘ shall remain successful. It is the students who are most responsible for making MAΘ not only successful, but a positive experience for everyone. With hard work and dedication, Mu Alpha Theta at Chiles High School can be known across our region, state, and nation.

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