



Northview High School Chapter

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Established September 26, 2002, the Northview High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is an academic club that is by invitation only.

Mission

To provide an organized medium by which its members utilize their strengths and talents to reinforce their scholarship, leadership, service and character such that the school and community benefit.

Selection Process

The selection process is set forth by the National Honor Society (NHS) National Council which establishes the national standards for all NHS chapters. As specified in the NHS Handbook, *Selection to NHS is a privilege, not a right. Students do no apply for membership in the National Honor Society; instead, they provide information to be used by the local selection committee to support their candidacy for membership. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the Faculty Council in each school. This is not an election, nor is membership automatically conveyed simply because a student has achieved a specified level of academic performance.*

The following criteria, which form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built, are used in evaluating each candidate:

I. Academics

All National Honor Society members must have a minimum of a 92 cumulative average.

II. Leadership

The student who is selected for membership must demonstrate the following leadership traits:

- Is resourceful in proposing new solutions to problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Exemplifies a positive attitude
- Inspires a positive attitude in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Is reliable, efficient, and successful in holding school offices or other positions of responsibility.

III. Service

The student who represents the ideals of the National Honor Society must demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Participates in some outside activity (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, religious groups, volunteer services, etc.)
- Is willing to represent the school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Shows courtesy to visitors, faculty, and students.

IV. Character

A student who is selected for membership in the National Honor Society must exemplify the following character traits:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability, integrity)

- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates with school authorities regarding school property, programs, and behavior
- Is committed by word and deed to the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Has active involvement in countering bad or harmful influences in the school
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.

Who is eligible to join?

Juniors and seniors who have a cumulative average of 92 at the conclusion of Fall Semester are invited to submit a portfolio illustrating excellence in academics, leadership, service, and character for use in the selection process. An information/help session is offered to the candidates to assist in providing complete information and to ensure a positive portfolio.

Who is on the selection committee?

The Faculty Council, or selection committee, comprises teaching faculty representing various curricular and extracurricular areas. The Faculty Council evaluates the candidate's completed portfolio, recommendations of the entire faculty, and disciplinary records to determine final selection for membership. The NHS sponsor and the principal serve as *ex officio* (non-voting) members to ensure that procedures are being followed consistently and properly, and to provide information about the student's disciplinary record. The sponsor and the principal do not participate in the general discussion of the candidates and ultimate determination of membership is the sole decision of the Faculty Council.

Is there an appeal process?

Chapters are not legally or constitutionally obligated to share with parents and students information concerning specific students not selected for membership in the Society. However, candidates who are not selected may submit to the principal, in writing, an appeal. As noted in the NHS handbook, "*If the principal believes that some kind of technical or procedural mistake has been made, the principal may ask the Faculty Council to reconvene to review the situation.*"

What happens after selection?

Those students selected for membership will be invited to attend an induction ceremony to be held Spring Semester. Once a student is inducted, he/she must maintain the high standards by which he/she is selected. To be a member of the National Honor Society is not only an honor, but also a responsibility. Members must attend meetings and fulfill community service commitments. Senior members who fulfill these requirements will be awarded the NHS graduation stole during Honors Night; this treasured keepsake is worn during the graduation ceremony. However, any member failing to meet his/her obligations is subject to revocation of membership.

Important Dates

January 30, 2008—Invitations to join issued to eligible candidates

February 12, 2008—Portfolio Workshop

February 27, 2008—Portfolio due at 4:00 pm

March 24, 2008—Announcement of new members

April 1, 2008—Induction rehearsal, auditorium, 7:45 AM - 8:20 AM

April 2, 2008—Induction of new members, auditorium, 7pm.

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