

Dear NHS Member and Parents,

The purpose of the National Honor Society (as stated in the national NHS Constitution) is "to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." The NHS Constitution also sets forth some requirements and standards of membership, the following excerpted items are important for you to be aware of:

Article VIII: Membership

Section 1. Membership...is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 7. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again available for membership or it's benefits.

Article I: Selection of Members

Section 1. ...Freshman are not eligible [for membership]. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school for the equivalent of one semester.

Section 2. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.5. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

Article X: Dismissal

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned.

Article XIII: Meetings

Section 1. Each chapter shall have regular meetings during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and in accordance with school policy and regulations.

Article XIV: Activities

Section 1. Each chapter shall determine service projects for each year.

Section 2. All members shall regularly participate in no less than three of these projects.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in a service project which reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members contribute.

In addition, the Park City School chapter of the National Honor Society has bylaws concerning membership in the local chapter. The following are some of the main points you should be aware of.

Article I: Membership

Section 1. Eligibility.

To be eligible for membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance in this school since the start of the first quarter of the year in which they are applying. Candidates must be taking at least three (3) subjects that receive grade points and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above and a 3.7 the quarter prior to application. Candidates must never have been suspended from PCHS.

Section 2. Applying.

To be considered for membership in this chapter, candidates must fill out the appropriate application and verification by their school counselor. Applications must be submitted to the chapter adviser before the end of the term following the quarter the student received a GPA of 3.7 or higher. The application can be obtained in the counseling office, from any school administrator, or in the adviser's classroom.

Section 3. Selection.

Selection will be made by a five member faculty council chosen by the principal. The faculty council will review each candidate's application carefully and obtain input from other faculty and staff members before making final decisions.

Article II: Meetings

Section 1. Meetings will on the first Thursday of each month. During these meetings, chapter service projects will be presented as well as upcoming events.

Section 4. Members may not miss more than 3 meetings per year(2 excused / 1 unexcused).

Article IV: Service

Section 1. Each member shall be required to participate in some way with no less than three (3) chapter service projects.

Section 2. In addition, each member shall be required to perform at least four (4) hours of independent service each quarter. This may be in community service, tutoring, or youth group or church service. Studying together does not constitute tutoring nor does assisting a brother or sister.

Article V: Disciplinary Procedures

Section 1. Warning.

Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable time to correct the deficiency. Problems necessitating warnings include, but are not limited to the following:

- (a) More than (2) absences from monthly meetings
- (b) a cumulative grade average below 3.5 any quarter,
- (c) disregard for school rules (the assistant principal will notify the adviser of members who break significant school rules).
- (d) failure to complete quarter service hours

Section 2. Dismissal.

Members who do not correct deficiencies for which they were warned in the appropriate length of time will be subject to dismissal. The decision for dismissal is made solely by the faculty council. The following is a partial list of bases for dismissal:

- (a) More than three (3) absences from monthly meetings(2 excused / 1 unexcused),

- (b) a cumulative grade point average below 3.5 for any two quarters,
- (c) flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws,
- (d) chronic disregard for school rules,
- (e) cheating on any significant work (i.e., tests, papers, etc.),
- (f) failure to turn in probation hours(4) from the previous quarter.

The complete constitution and chapter bylaws are available upon request from Mr. Murphy.