

National Honor Society Application & Induction Changes



North Hills Chapter
MAY 2019

National Requirements for All Charters

- Each chapter must base membership on the four pillars of NHS: **scholarship, leadership, service, & character.**
- Schools may determine their own qualifying minimum GPA & create a form to solicit students' achievements in leadership, service, & character.
- Students in grades 10-12 only may apply.

National Requirements for Selection of New Members

- Evaluation is made by a 5-member teacher/staff committee, selected by the principal.
- The NHS Advisor is not part of this Faculty Advisory Committee.
- Applicants must receive a majority vote by the Faculty Advisory Committee to be offered membership in NHS.

Problems & Solutions for North Hills

TRANSPARENCY

- NH does not publish guidelines for membership or application.
- Students, parents, & staff are uncertain about the requirements for membership &, therefore, unable to prepare students for membership.



- Publish expectations & application on District website.
- Meet with students & parents at application time.

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TIMELINE

- NH expects applicants to showcase the pillars of NHS too soon in their high school careers; students are unable to have substantive leadership or service experiences by the Spring of sophomore year.
- Induction in the spring of the sophomore year/after the first semester does not provide a “level playing field” for sophomores who have double-blocked classes.



- Move Induction to Fall as neighboring Districts do.
- Meet with prospective applicants & parents in Spring to set expectations before they leave for Summer break.

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EXPECTATIONS FOR RIGOR

- NH needs clear, set requirements of what is expected.
- In the past, the Faculty Advisory Council & Staff has pushed for rigor & high expectations.
- Applicants have sometimes been unable to prove worthy of the expectations demanded.



- Principal will elect a Faculty Advisory Council to work with her or him to develop acceptable expectations for applicants.
- Expectations will be published & communicated to applicants & families.

Changes & Expectations as of May 2019

- Students who have a 3.85 weighted GPA after the **second semester** of their **sophomore or junior years** will be invited to apply.
- Applications will be sent to students in June once potential members/applicants are identified.
- Applications will be due in the first few weeks of the school year.
- Induction will take place in the FALL.

The NHS Application will require applicants. . .

- to show evidence of leadership in school or non-school-related activities
- to document 10 service hours in the past 12 months
- to write a 1-page essay detailing a specific experience with one of the tenants of NHS aside from scholarship (character, service, or leadership)
- to submit a letter of recommendation from a non-NH employee or family member

You may now find NHS on the North Hills' website:

- Go to the NHSD Homepage
- Click on the Academics link
- Choose National Honor Society
- <https://www.nhsd.net/NationalHonorSociety.aspx>

Questions?

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