

Welcome, NHS Invitees!

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Before We Begin:

1. Please be sure to sign in on one of the sign in sheets that are floating around.
2. Please make note of your questions -- don't be afraid to interrupt us after each slide with any questions pertaining to that slide!



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. Introduction to the Four Pillars of NHS
2. Details on the Application Process
 - a. Scholarship
 - b. Leadership
 - c. Service
 - d. Character
3. Timeline
4. Q & A Session

National Honor Society

The Four Pillars of NHS



1. Scholarship
2. Leadership
3. Service
4. Character

Membership in the National Honor Society is an honor bestowed by the school upon students who demonstrate outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

Once selected, these members have a responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

To achieve membership status, students must participate in a rigorous selection process which involves the entire Hinsdale Central High School faculty as well as the National Honor Society Faculty Council.

Details on the Application Process

1. SCHOLARSHIP: Students must have a **weighted cumulative GPA of 4.500** in order to be invited to NHS. Students must maintain this GPA in order to maintain active membership.
2. LEADERSHIP: Students must document and explain a **leadership role held during their high school career**. The documentation form **MUST** include accurate contact information for a coach, sponsor, guidance counselor, service provider, or employer. We will be checking this information to ensure its veracity.



Self-advocacy skills are a huge part of leadership. If your son or daughter has questions throughout the process, please encourage him/her to speak to one of us directly.

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3. CHARACTER: Students will write a **personal statement** indicating how they exemplify the pillars of the National Honor Society: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character.

This portion of the form must be titled “PERSONAL STATEMENT – YOUR NAME”.

Students are limited to **500 words**.



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4. SERVICE: Students must complete a **minimum of 20 hours of community service**. This service must be completed between the time you receive your invitation (mid-October) to join NHS and the deadline date of January 27, 2017.

- Service must be unpaid.
- Service should not be for a family member (eg., I painted my uncle's house) but, rather, should benefit the local community/local Chicagoland area.
- Service must be local (ie., not national or international, like a mission trip).
- Service cannot be counted towards your NHS application if you are earning credit for another club or class (eg., Habitat for Humanity, Key Club, etc.).
- Varied service opportunities are strongly encouraged -- this simulates what our active NHS members do all year long.
- Students can get ideas from the running list of Volunteer Opportunities [on the NHS website](#).

FACULTY COUNCIL: What Happens Once The Applications Are Turned In?

ANONYMOUS FACULTY COUNCIL. Per National NHS by-laws, we have to follow the national procedures.

Applications of students scoring as noted above will be evaluated by the Faculty Council.

Sponsors are NOT part of the Council; council members' names are not released.

ANONYMOUS FACULTY SURVEY. The student will be evaluated by faculty (on a 1-5 scale) in the areas of *integrity, respect, and responsibility*.

1. Students will have to be evaluated by a **minimum of 10 faculty/staff** in order for these numbers to count; otherwise, their applications are automatically sent to the Faculty Council for review out of fairness to the student (ie., accurate sample size).
2. Faculty/Staff that know the student in any capacity (classroom teachers , sports, activities, etc.) are asked to evaluate students -- not just current teachers.
3. Students will be accepted into NHS if they receive all 4s and 5s from teachers.
4. If 33% or more of the faculty that evaluated a student give him/her a 1, 2, or 3, the student will not be accepted into NHS.
5. If 25-32% of the faculty that evaluated a student give him/her a 1, 2, or 3, the student's entire application will go before the NHS council for a vote.

Timeline

Mark Your Calendars!



1. Application Due Date: January 27, 2017 by 3:00 pm
 - a. Because it is an electronic process, we will not be making any exceptions for late applications (as they can be submitted from anywhere.)
2. Acceptance Letters: Look for these to come in the mail around Spring Break!
3. Induction Ceremony: May 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm, Auditorium

Questions?

Again, please encourage your son/daughter to seek us out with questions! It shows leadership, initiative, and responsibility on their part!

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