

Winnetonka's Chapter of National Honor Society

Brief Description of Organization:

"The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

"Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NHS activities. NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service."

Constitution and Governance:

"Local chapters of the National Honor Society (NHS) are governed by two sets of documents: the NHS national constitution and the local chapter bylaws.

"The NHS national constitution was developed and is monitored by the NHS and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) National Council, which serves as the governing body of NHS and NJHS. The day-to-day administration of the Honor Societies is undertaken by the staff of the national office in Reston, VA.

"All chapters must adopt and abide by the provisions of the national constitution, per their chartering agreement with the national organization. The NHS National Handbook offers additional information on items found in the constitution—including an outline for local bylaws—and provides guidance for advisers in applying the NHS constitution to their work with their chapters."

Eligibility:

Eligible Students: sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a 3.5 cumulative GPA

Induction into Winnetonka's Chapter of National Honor Society is based upon the 4 Pillars of NHS: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

We begin with Scholarship. In September, letters of invitation to complete the Student Activity Information Form are sent by mail to students who meet the 3.5 cumulative GPA, and these forms (that include sponsors' signatures and phone numbers for verification purposes) are due back to Mrs. Sexton approximately 2 to 3 weeks after they are mailed. Deadlines, signatures, and phone numbers **MUST** be met to keep eligibility.

A NHS Candidate/Parent Informational Meeting is held in the Library toward the end of September on a Thursday evening so both parents and NHS candidates can see specifically how to complete the Student Activity Information Form.

The NHS Faculty Council meets in October to determine who has fulfilled the requirements of NHS Induction and inductees are notified during school. A point system is used to maintain objectivity in the decision-making process.

The Induction ceremony is held the second Wednesday evening of November.

After Induction:

Once inducted, members of Winnetonka's Chapter of NHS are required to maintain a 3.5 GPA with no more than 1 grade of a C per semester, to participate in volunteer community service, to attend meetings, to attend events, to hold leadership positions in the school and community, and to uphold a high standard in character. A point system is in place to hold NHS members accountable for their participation.

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2016-2017 Officers: President: Maegan Foster
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