

National Honor Society
Northwestern Regional High School Chapter
Local Bylaws

- The National Honor Society recognizes students who are outstanding in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
- Juniors and seniors are academically eligible for nomination to the National Honor Society if they have a weighted grade point average of 3.25 or higher and if they have elected the more demanding courses in most subject areas when they have had a choice.
- Students are informed of their academic eligibility and required to complete a Student Activity Form. This form is used by the High School faculty to help them rate each student according to leadership, service, and character. Students may choose to refuse nomination/election. This is requested in writing.
- A five member Faculty Council appointed by the principal reviews each potential nominee's eligibility and votes on membership. In order to allow the Faculty Council to perform their duties free from lobbying by students or others, council members serve anonymously. The advisors and the Principal respond to all questions about eligibility and the selection process.
- Before the Faculty Council votes, all members of the High School Faculty have the opportunity to rate the leadership, service, and character of each student known to them. A minimum of eight teachers must respond regarding a given student in order for that student to be eligible for membership in the NHS. Teachers assign a number (1, 2, 3, or 4) in each category. The ratings of all teachers responding are averaged for each category, and then the totals for each of the four categories are averaged. Students should achieve a minimum of 3.25 as the grand total for all the ratings, but, by majority vote, the Faculty Council is empowered to admit to a student whose grand total is lower than 3.25.
- Meetings for NHS are generally the third Tuesday each month at 2:10 P.M. and last approximately 30 minutes, depending on the agenda. Meeting dates will be posted and announced. It is expected that members will attend all meetings, but it is understood that with the commitments to sports, work, etc. some meetings may be unavoidably missed. Each meeting that is missed will result in an additional hour of required community service for that member.
- Membership in National Honor Society does require some commitment to school and/or community service, but it is not an unmanageable amount of time. Sixteen hours are required over the course of the school year. Members may count appropriate service that they are currently performing for teams, classes, or community groups towards their NHS commitment. Juniors are expected to complete a minimum of 75% of the required hours of community service or they will be placed on probation. In addition, if juniors are not able to complete the all of the required service hours in the academic year, those hours are added to the hours required for the senior year. If seniors are not able to complete the required hours, they will not be able to wear the NHS stole at graduation.
- Membership in NHS is subject to periodic review and may be in jeopardy if any of the four qualifications of leadership, scholarship, service, and/or character are deemed below the level of acceptability as per the Bylaws and Constitution.