

National Honor Society



Wylie East High School

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What is NHS?

As stated in the NHS constitution, "National Honor Society is a worldwide organization whose purpose 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."

NHS is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), a not-for-profit association.

Membership in National Honor Society is an honor and a privilege that garners respect from colleges, universities, and employers. NHS membership can also lead to scholarship money for thousands of students every year.

What do members do?

NHS members participate in service projects designed to benefit their school and community. At monthly meetings, members plan and organize to ensure the implementation of these projects goes smoothly. Sometimes, members may participate in fundraising efforts to generate the funds necessary to successfully execute the service projects they have planned. Service projects vary from year to year, depending on the current needs of the school and community, and on the passions and interests of the current NHS members.

While NHS does elect new officers each year who serve as chapter leaders, all members are expected to take turns leading different aspects of various services projects.

In addition to regular participation in service projects, members must at all times maintain their grades and character at the high levels they held when first considered as NHS candidates.

How do I become a member?

WEHS NHS is open to 11th and 12th grade students at Wylie East who meet standards of excellence in four categories: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Students who meet the minimum requirements in scholarship at the beginning of the school year are considered eligible candidates for NHS.

At the end of September, all eligible candidates are notified and asked to complete an information page. They must also collect two references from adults in their lives (who are not their current teachers), detailing their past involvement in activities (in and out of school), leadership roles they have held, and service (if any) they have completed.

This information is then analyzed by the WEHS NHS Faculty Council (a group whose responsibilities are outlined in the NHS constitution). The Faculty Council then votes to either extend or deny membership in NHS to each of the candidates. New members are then inducted into NHS in mid-November.

Minimum requirements

Scholarship: In order to be eligible for NHS, a student's weighted local GPA must be at least 4.5 on the 6.0 scale. Check with your school counselor if you have questions about GPA. *Note: this means grades from freshman and sophomore years determine eligibility.*

Leadership: Students who have held leadership roles in their lives (either in or out of school) are given priority. This might include informal leadership, such as group activities & assignments, or formal leadership, such as officer positions in a group or club.

Character: NHS members are expected to be role models in the community for their peers. Therefore, students who set the example in respect, responsibility, and attitude are given preference.

Service: Students who have volunteered their time in the benefit of others are given preference. However, a lack of previous service does not disqualify a student from membership, provided they are willing to participate in service projects while a member of NHS.

Questions?

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