

National Honor Society



Character

Leadership

Scholarship

Service

What is NHS?

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students.

More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of **scholarship, service, leadership, and character**. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

Why should you consider candidacy?

- ❖ Being a member of the National Honor Society shows that you are among the best students in your class, not just in terms of academics, but also in terms of leadership, service, and character.
- ❖ You can make a difference in your school, the district, and the Greece/Rochester community.
- ❖ It shows a commitment to community service projects and provides you the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded peers.
- ❖ College admissions committees like to see anything that sets you apart as a top student, and this is one of them.
- ❖ Additionally, NHS provides regular opportunities for you to build your leadership skills.

Strong NHS candidates...

- Scholarship
 - 88% cumulative GPA through 3rd quarter of 10th grade to be considered for candidacy
- Service experiences
 - 2 different (preferable)
 - outside of your typical obligations
- Positive teacher recommendations & feedback
- Demonstrate leadership both in *and* out of the classroom
- Possess strong character and integrity (i.e., do the “right thing”)
- Demonstrate dedication to serving others in various ways

Strong NHS candidates...

- **Integrity:** No record of cheating, copying, or intentional dishonesty; leadership in class, willingness to *go above and beyond* what may be expected
- **Positive behavior:** No record of skipping classes or violating school regulations; no record of behaving in a derogatory, rude, or disrespectful way to students or adults
- **Ethics:** indication that the student chooses to do the right thing in all situations
- **In summary:** No referrals, no concerning feedback from staff, no violations of academic honesty, and/or “honor code” violations

NHS Selection

Candidacy is reviewed by the Athena High School NHS Faculty Council, an anonymous group of faculty that carefully reviews all candidacy materials submitted.

A student's candidacy materials are reviewed by at least 2 different members of the FC.

The FC votes on membership acceptance or denial (majority rules).

Candidacy Timeline

The NHS candidacy process begins after 7 quarters of HS (spring of 10th grade).

Candidacy Steps:

- 1) Cumulative GPA of 88% (minimum) after 7 quarters = 10th grade invitation to spring info meeting; receive community service info
- 2) Community Service beginning July 1, 2019; finish by the end of February 2020
- 3) 11th grade cumulative GPA review = invite to 2nd info meeting; receive Candidacy Packet (early March 2020)
- 4) Completion & submission of Candidacy Packet, teacher recommendation forms, service forms (end of March 2020)
- 5) Induction (May or June 2020)
- 6) June 2020: 1st meeting; receive summer service info

NHS Questions?

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