

Purpose

The Clinthton Chapter of the NHS is the local affiliate of a national service organization for junior and senior students. Through this organization, students who maintain a high grade-point average and are considered superior in leadership, character, and service can promote enthusiasm and encouragement for other students in the academic field.

Membership

Beginning with the second semester of the sophomore year or after three semesters at Clinton Central high school, and every year thereafter, candidates with a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher are invited to fill out a Student Activity Information Form to be considered for membership. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection into the National Honor Society. The leadership, character, and service of the candidates will be assessed on the basis of the information forms, faculty survey, and administration documentation; however, the final decision will be made by a Faculty Council made up of five faculty members and the advisors of the chapter. Those students receiving a majority vote of the Faculty Council will be notified by letter and will be inducted in the NHS in the spring semester.

Rules

The activities of the NHS are designed to serve and benefit others. Members must maintain standards of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Penalties

- **Scholarship** - Members who fall below the requirement of 3.75 are promptly warned in writing and are given one semester to correct the deficiency. If they are unable to do so, they are dismissed from the organization. However, if they do regain the required GPA after the semester given to them, they will be dismissed without warning if they fall below the requirement the second time. Seniors must have earned the minimum cumulative GPA to graduate with NHS honors.
- **Character and Leadership** - No warning of impending dismissal is necessary for members who commit any of the following infractions in a calendar year: suspension from school; recorded instances of cheating or plagiarism; or engaging in any activity which does not set a good example of character or leadership to other students.
- **Service** - Members have until May 1 of each calendar year to fulfill their service obligation by performing 15 hours of community service outside their normal church and school obligations.

Character, leadership, or service infractions will be brought before the Faculty Council and dismissal will come only at the recommendation of the Faculty Council. Members (not their parents) who are dismissed for a character, leadership, or service issue may request a hearing with the Faculty Council regarding their infraction.

