



**National Honor Society**  
***Veritas Chapter***  
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- Just as the National Junior Honor Society recognizes students in middle school, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades for academic excellence and service, the National Honor Society (NHS) recognizes students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. NJHS and NHS are different organizations with different requirements and application processes. Membership in NJHS does not automatically determine membership in NHS.
- Students in the sophomore class will be eligible to apply for membership at the end of this academic year (2017-2018) as rising juniors. Eligibility is open to students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 since the beginning of freshman year.
- If eligible, you will receive notification in mid-July in the form of an emailed nomination letter and application. The application consists of three pieces due in September and includes
  - 1) Documentation of forty (40) service hours from the beginning of freshman year through x2VOL.
    - Hours **may not** include hours for which you or your family benefit such as working towards a Girl Scout award or for a family business.
    - Hours **must be** completed outside the school day.
    - Twenty (20) hours **must be** outside completed outside of the school community (service not provided or offered by the school).
  - 2) A personal profile (this will be provided for you to fill out).
  - 3) An essay reflecting on your service hours.
- You are not required to apply for membership.

- **If accepted**, members must complete twenty (20) service hours during each semester throughout junior and senior years. A service log and essay must be submitted for each semester. The same rules listed previously for the application apply for semester service to remain in good standing.
- Cheating and plagiarism are serious offenses. Any documented instances will be reviewed during the application process and are grounds for dismissal from NHS.
- You will receive a reminder email about the application process before the end of the school year.
- What can you do right now? If your GPA on Naviance indicates that you may be eligible for membership, log service hours on x2VOL if you haven't already and keep up-to-date.