

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

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- ARTICLE I: Lakeville South High School Chapter of the National Honor Society
- ARTICLE II: The purpose of the National Honor Society of Lakeville South High School is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to provide service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.
- ARTICLE III: The powers vested in the organization are defined by the National Honor Society Constitution and voted upon by the Faculty Council. The Principal has the right to veto any decision made by the Faculty Council.
- ARTICLE IV: Membership in the Lakeville South High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is awarded to a Junior or Senior who has been recognized for their achievement of excellence in Academic Achievement, Character, Leadership, and Service.
- ARTICLE V: The nomination and selection of members is subject to the following procedure:
- Candidates must have attended Lakeville South High School for the equivalent of one semester
 - Membership may be open to qualified Juniors and Seniors
 - A cumulative GPA of 3.7 is the requirement for determining scholastic eligibility.
 - GPA requirement must be the same for all candidates in all classes.
 - No quotas or percentages of members per class can be established.
 - All four criteria of Academic Achievement, Character, Leadership and Service are considered on an equal basis.

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- Students will be notified by mail of their eligibility for membership dependent upon the selection process.
- Students will have the opportunity to be considered for membership by completing an Information Form that will be reviewed by the Faculty Council.
- The Faculty Council will meet in order to vote to determine eligibility for membership into NHS. A majority vote will rule the decision.
- An administrator will be present to oversee the selection process
- The advisor will be present to facilitate the selection process.
- Students who are selected for membership in NHS will be inducted by ceremony open to students, parents, staff, and administration.
- Students must abide by the Code of Ethics accepted by the Faculty Council as follows:

I,* name of student, being aware of the honor which is being bestowed upon me, by my selection for membership in the National Honor Society, do hereby pledge loyalty to this organization. It shall be my earnest purpose to give unsparingly of my time and energy toward the promotion of school activities and to my community. I will strive to be at all times a model student and will never knowingly bring reproach upon my school or violate school policy. I pledge myself to uphold the high purpose of this Society for which I have been selected, striving in every way by word and deed to make its ideals the ideals of my school and of my life. *Signature of student required and signature of advisor.

Article VI: NHS members are required to attend all regularly scheduled meetings and to turn in their service hour sheets to the advisor by the end of each quarter.

Article VII: Duties of the officers, members, and advisor include:

President:

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- Creates monthly meeting agendas with advisor
- Conducts meetings
- Must be present at the full member and officer meetings
- Directs 1 committee & oversees all committees

Vice-President:

- Creates monthly newsletter
- Assists at meetings
- Submits announcements to the central office
- Must be present at the full member and officer meetings
- Directs 1 committee

Secretary:

- Records all service hours for members
- Participates in meetings
- Must be present at all full member and officer meetings

Treasurer:

- Count and record all funds and money
- Reports financial status at meetings
- Must be present at all full member and officer meetings
- Directs 1 committee

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Members:

- Attend all regularly scheduled meetings
- Complete 40 service hours each year
- Seniors must complete 40 service hours in order to receive a gold tassel at graduation
- Participate in a minimum of 2 school directed service projects per year
- Pay \$10.00 for dues once during membership
- Maintain a GPA of 3.70 in order to qualify for membership (1 semester is allowed to raise the GPA to the qualification if it falls below the accepted GPA)
- Uphold the Code of Ethics

Advisor

- Facilitates the Selection Process for membership
- Conducts the Induction Ceremony
- Orders supplies such as Certificates
- Oversees collection of dues and all monies
- Oversees officer and member meetings
- Communicates with the Faculty Council concerning NHS activities
- Communicates with the Principal concerning NHS activities
- Communicates with Staff concerning NHS activities
- Communicates with NHS members concerning continued membership, dues, service hours, and service opportunities

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Article VIII: The election of officers will be conducted each year. Eligible Junior NHS members may choose to seek election upon the completion of an essay that will be reviewed by the members prior to election. The members will vote for their officers to serve them in the following year.

Removal from office would result if an officer would not fulfill the obligations outlined in the bylaws. Before removal from office, a time period would be established between the advisor and officer to fulfill their obligations as officer. At that time, they would continue to serve as officer.

The dismissal policy for all members is as follows:

- The Lakeville South High School Faculty Council shall consist of five teachers. A Dean of Students oversees all decisions made by the Faculty Council. The NHS Advisor is present at all meetings of the Faculty Council in order to facilitate the process.
- The Faculty Council will review written information regarding the issue of eligibility and decide if a hearing is necessary at that time.
- The student will receive a letter that outlines the violation and the date and time of the hearing. The student and parent/guardian are asked to participate in the process. They may waive the opportunity to attend the hearing.

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- Members of the Faculty Council, the Dean of Students, and the NHS Advisor will be present at the hearing. The student and parent/guardian may also attend the hearing and the student may provide testimony regarding eligibility.
- The hearing is confidential and closed to all other persons.
- The Faculty Council shall determine the eligibility of the National Honor Society student. A majority will determine resolution.
- The student and parent/guardian shall be informed of the recommendation made by the Faculty Council. This recommendation will include information regarding the issue and the eligibility of membership in the National Honor Society.
- The Faculty Council member votes shall be confidential.
- The decision made by the Faculty Council can be appealed to the High School Principal.

Article IX: Rules of Order and conducting society business is set up each year by the NHS Officers and the NHS Members. The advisor will oversee this process.

Article X: Ratification of the bylaws is accomplished by a Faculty Council vote.

Article XI: Provisions for amending the bylaws will be accomplished by a Faculty Council vote upon request.