

FAQs for National Honor Society

1. What are the eligibility requirements for National Honor Society?

Grade Levels: Only juniors and seniors are eligible for membership in National Honor Society. Freshmen and Sophomores are eligible for National Junior Honor Society, which is located at AJHS.

GPA Requirements: Students must hold (and maintain) a weighted, unrounded minimum 3.75000 grade point average to be eligible for NHS. Grades are initially checked at the end of the first semester of the academic year for invitation purposes; grades are checked periodically through the remainder of the academic year for the current members.

Service Hours: Students inducted in their junior year must accrue 20 total service hours by April 30th of their graduation year. Students inducted in their senior year must accrue 10 total service hours by April 30th of their graduation year. Service hours can only be counted when accrued *after* the student has been tapped. More specific information as to what constitutes service hours and how they should be recorded will be available during the application process.

2. How do I know if I am eligible?

If you are eligible, you will receive an invitation letter by mail in mid-January, early February. If you do not receive a letter, you do not meet all of the above requirements, please contact the NHS sponsor(s).

3. What do I do if I receive a letter and want to apply?

Your letter will include an access code to the National Honor Society Schoology page. This page will include all instructions and forms needed to complete the application process.

4. What happens after I apply?

All fully completed applications received on or before the deadline will be reviewed and faculty recommendations will be obtained. Students will be notified if they have been selected for membership in NHS by being “tapped” in their Tiger Connect class. This usually takes place in late January or early February.

5. When do I officially become a member of National Honor Society?

Students become members of NHS after participating in the induction ceremony, usually held in late February or early March.

6. How does a disciplinary referral affect my membership in NHS?

If an applicant or member of NHS receives a disciplinary referral, the five-member faculty council will be convened. The council will be apprised of the individual situation and will vote on whether or not the student may continue in NHS.

7. What if my GPA falls below the required GPA?

On the first occurrence, the student will be placed on probation. If the GPA does not return to the minimum 3.75000 by the end of the next grading period, the student will be removed from membership.

8. What if I fail to meet a deadline for turning in any forms or dues?

Failure to complete any forms, pay dues (online or in person), or comply with any designated deadline during the process of applying for, being tapped into, or being inducted into NHS can result in your removal from membership. If you find that you are unable to meet a deadline for any reason, you should *IMMEDIATELY* contact the sponsor(s) by email, phone, or in person.

9. What if I cannot attend a meeting or induction?

All NHS meeting and the induction are **REQUIRED** activities. These dates will be announced well in advance, so students are expected to make the necessary arrangements to ensure attendance. If a student has an Auburn High School affiliated activity whose date was announced *before* the NHS activity date, the student may submit a written excuse to the sponsor(s) at *least* two weeks ahead of the event. If a student misses an event without a pre-approved absence, he/she must submit to the sponsor(s) a written excuse within 48-hours, who then will submit it to the faculty council for a vote. Possible outcomes include that the student may be excused, may be asked to complete extra service hours, or may be removed from membership.