



National Honor Society Frequently Asked Questions

1. If I don't qualify to apply this year, can I still apply next year?
Absolutely! Students who meet the academic requirement (minimum 3.5 GPA) may apply in February of each school year. If you are not accepted this year, you may always apply next year.
2. What are the membership requirements?
Accepted students must pay yearly dues, attend twice-monthly NHS meetings (subject to change), participate in yearly service projects (which will count toward CPS Service Learning Hours), fulfill 10 hours of Service Learning each school year (as mandated by CPS) and attend the Induction Ceremony each year.
3. Are there elected officials in National Honor Society?
Yes! NHS is an entirely student-run organization. NHS will have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Students elect officials and run all meetings themselves. The elected president creates each meeting's agenda and presides over the proceedings.
4. Do I have to maintain a 3.5 GPA until I graduate to stay in NHS?
Yes. Each student must maintain good academic standing in order to maintain membership in NHS.
5. Do I have to reapply to NHS every year?
No. As long as you meet the year's requirements, you are a member until you graduate.
6. Is it possible to be dismissed from NHS?
Yes. The ChiArts NHS Chapter bylaws state that students must be in *good standing* each year to maintain membership. Violations of the CPS Code of Conduct, absenteeism and/or gross disrespect are some examples of dismissible offences. Each student eligible for dismissal will first be placed on *probation* in order to assess each situation individually.
7. If I'm dismissed, can I reapply later?
No. If you are officially dismissed from NHS (not placed on probation or suspension), you may not reapply at any time.
8. Can I apply to NHS during my Senior year?
Absolutely! Even outgoing Seniors may apply in February of their last year. Even if you are inducted your Senior year, you may still put NHS on college applications and possibly be eligible for some scholarships.
9. Can Ms. Reid write my letter of recommendation?
No, sorry! As the Adviser, I cannot fill out teacher recommendation forms for any student (not even Advisory students!). Any academic teacher (current or former) may fill out the recommendation for you.
10. Can I put Service Learning on my application if I have not turned in my forms to Ms. Grube?

No. In order for the Faculty Council to consider any of your Service Learning as part of your application, ChiArts must have all of your paperwork on file in Ms. Grube's office. If you have not yet filled out Service Learning forms for past or current projects, make sure you begin now!