SO NOW YOU’RE AN NHS MEMBER

Membership in NHS is the beginning of new challenges. Yes, you have been honored, but now more will be expected of you. Faculty, community, and peers will be constantly applying a "measuring stick" of scholarship, leadership, service and character to you. Be sure you measure up!

PURPOSE OF NHS:

1) To honor those who have done exceptionally well in the 4 characteristics: Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Character.
2) Members are expected to help set examples for other students by promoting the betterment of school, self and community.
3) To provide services to many different organizations throughout the community and school.

MEETINGS:

1) All members are expected to assume duties and responsibilities of membership when they accept the honor of being a member of NHS.
2) One of these responsibilities is attendance at general meetings, which are usually the third Wednesday of the month, and committee meetings which are held as needed.
3) If you are unable to attend one of those meetings then you must submit a written valid excuse to the advisor, who will keep a record of attendance. Excused absences do not count against one’s point total. If the record reveals that a member has accumulated 3 points due to unexcused absences and/or tardies, he/she will be sent a letter warning him/her, that one more unexcused absence will result in loss of membership. (See the attendance policy for a more detailed explanation.)

RESPONSIBILITY:

Remember, when you applied to be considered for National Honor Society membership, you signed a statement that if accepted you will be an active participant in the Canfield High School chapter of the National Honor Society and try to further the four traits of NHS members -- Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character, and that you would actively participate in the service activities and projects of NHS.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Members of the National Honor Society may be dismissed for failure to maintain standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character that were used as the basis of their selection.

The National NHS Guidelines state that members are expected to obey all school rules and regulations, and to exhibit high standards of character and leadership at all times. Any member who deliberately violates school or civil laws may be dismissed. For flagrant violations, a member does not necessarily have to be warned. A member is allowed only one warning period, should one be given.
The following guidelines for membership are provided and enforced by the NHS and Faculty Council.

1) **Cheating on tests, stealing or malicious destruction of property**

2) **Insubordination, questionable general conduct (including rowdiness, immoral behavior)**

Watch what you post on web-sites such as “My Space” or “Face-book,” etc. If you post it, you put it out there for all to see. If something questionable should arise, you will be held accountable. And, that incriminating evidence could put your membership at risk.

When questions are raised regarding these standards, the advisor of the National Honor Society will call a meeting of the NHS Faculty Council. The purpose of the meeting would be to review pertinent information and to question those parties who may have information about the failure to maintain the National Honor Society standards. If the Faculty Council votes that dismissal is warranted, members will be notified in writing of the infraction and their right to a pre-dismissal hearing. If the student chooses not to have the pre-dismissal hearing, the dismissal goes into effect and his/her membership emblem should be returned to the advisor or principal.

3) **Failure of any course or failure to maintain a cumulative 3.75 GPA**

A student who gets an F in any subject in any grade period will be put on immediate probation for one grade period. If no improvement is made by the end of this time, the student will be dismissed from the National Honor Society.

If a student falls below the membership standards of 3.75, he/she will be warned that his/her membership is contingent upon maintaining membership standards. If the grade point deficiency is not corrected in one grading period, action for dismissal will initiated.

4) **Skipping school, cutting class, or not fulfilling responsibilities of the National Honor Society**

A student found guilty in any of these areas will...

**First offense:** receive an official reprimand, a letter explaining the nature of the infraction.

**Second offense:** receive nine weeks probation, beginning at the time notification of the offense is made known to the Faculty Council.

**Third offense:** be excluded from the National Honor Society.

A student who is on probation for any reason will be excluded from the National Honor Society immediately if he/she is involved in any other situation which would require disciplinary action (during the period of time).