

National Honor Society

Commerce High School Chapter Bylaws

Membership Eligibility

1. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter shall have a minimum scholarship average of 90.0 percent, or its equivalent, in grades nine and above. P.E., marching band, cheerleading, athletics, and substitutes for P.E. credits are not included in the average.
2. All candidates for membership must be on the recommended program. Also, Junior candidates must have completed or be enrolled in at least 3 AP, Pre AP, or advanced classes. Senior candidates must have completed or be enrolled in at least 4 AP, Pre AP, or advanced classes.
3. The scholastic level of achievement shall remain fixed, and shall be the required minimum scholastic level of achievement for admission to candidacy. Their eligibility shall then be considered on their service, leadership, and character.
4. Candidates will be inducted in December or January. There will be one induction ceremony. If a candidate fails to attend the induction ceremony the candidate will not become a member of NHS.
5. Any member who falls below the standards, which were the basis of his election, shall be warned. If during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as a basis for membership will be allowed only one warning period. Once a member is dismissed, he is never again eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.
6. The annual chapter dues for each member shall be \$5.00. All members must pay at the first regular meeting of the year. Candidates for induction will pay their membership dues prior to induction.
7. For all regular and called meetings, the attendance policy will be: A member must submit to the advisor why he was not able to attend the meeting. The advisor shall decide if the reason will be excused. After two unexcused absences, the member will be put on probation.
8. Member will be required to complete volunteer service hours. A minimum of 10 verifiable hours per semester will be required, with at least 5 of the hours per semester gained through group (chapter) service projects.
9. Candidates shall have no more than one citizenship grade below A-, or its equivalent, with no citizenship grade less than B-, or its equivalent, the year before being admitted. Each candidate must complete the Student Activity

Information form and return it to the chapter advisor on or before the announced date. Membership in the local chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

A. The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- Is able to delegate responsibilities.
- Exemplifies positive attitudes.
- Inspires positive behavior in others.
- Demonstrates academic initiative.
- Successfully holds school offices or position of responsibility conducts business efficiently and effectively, and is reliable and dependable without prodding.
- Demonstrates leadership in the classroom, at work and in school activities.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

B. The student who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
- Participates in some outside activities; Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties.
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and interscholastic competition.
- Does committee and staff work uncomplainingly.
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

C. The student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.

- Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability.)
- Upholds principle or morality and ethics.
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, hall, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom.
- Has power of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
- Actively helps to rid the school of bad influences or environment.