

National Honor Society 2019-20

National Honor Society is a group of elite students at Hernando High School, as well as all over the country.

Eligibility:

- Being a member of the National *Junior* Honor Society has **no** effect on whether a student is inducted into the National Honor Society.
- A student is eligible to be inducted into the National Honor Society Spring of their sophomore year.
- A student must maintain an overall average of 94 and must be enrolled in classes totaling four academic credits.
- The NHS Faculty Committee considers any discipline infractions excessive. A student with a level 1 or 2 offense may be inducted on a probationary period.
- Students with a discipline referral of level 3 or higher will not be inducted.
- A transfer student, who is not already members of NHS, must have been enrolled at HHS for 2 semesters before being eligible for NHS.

Conduct/Demerit Policy

As National Honor Society members, it is important to adhere to current NHS policy. It is imperative that NHS members understand the consequences of actions deemed inappropriate by the NHS Faculty Committee.

If a student has a level one discipline offense, the student will be on probation. A second level one offense will result in dismissal. A discipline referral for cell phones will result in probation. A discipline referral of level 2 or higher will result in dismissal.

Meeting dates and times are posted and announced via Remind well in advance; NHS members should endeavor to attend every meeting. If a member must be absent from a meeting, Mrs. Floate should be notified immediately. Any unexcused absence will result in one demerit.

NHS members should also make every attempt to meet all deadlines (paying dues, submitting paper work and completing community service hours). Missing a deadline will result in one demerit.

Receiving three demerits is grounds for immediate dismissal.

Any NHS member who does not participate in the completion of individual service hours or does not participate in at least one group project will be automatically dismissed.

To remain active members of The National Honor Society, students must be enrolled in classes totaling four academic credits. Additionally, to be considered an honor graduate, an NHS member's semester GPA must be a 94 or better, and Algebra 1 plus three higher math credits or three sciences must have been taken previously.

A student whose average falls below 94 will be placed on probation. The student will have one semester to reinstate his/her 94 average. If the 94 average is not reinstated and maintained until graduation, the student will be dismissed.

Seniors who are inducted senior year must maintain a 94 cumulative average. There is no probationary period for newly inducted seniors. This means seniors who are inducted senior year must have a 94 average to wear a stole at graduation.

Service Hours

The NHS Faculty Committee has determined that 24 hours of volunteer service is adequate to maintain NHS membership. Students should begin considering areas of particular interest that would be suitable for acquiring service hours. Careful consideration should be given when choosing an area of interest because once it is chosen, changes may only be approved on a case-by-case basis. Each NHS member must have his or her 24 hours of service completed by **April 24, 2020**. Any member who has not completed his or her service hours by the deadline will be immediately dismissed from NHS.

Guidelines:

- Choose up to three areas of service that interest you. Talk with the person(s) who would supervise you to see if they can offer you the full 24 hours within the time limitations (June 2019 – April 2020).
- An area of service must be outside your family.
- Tutoring is not accepted as a service area.
- Forms for area of service pre-approval must be completed and turned in to the drop box by Mrs. Baker's door (room 114) no later than August 30, 2019. After service areas have been approved and noted, students may collect their forms from the pick-up box outside Mrs. Baker's door.
- Summer hours must also be pre-approved. If the form cannot be dropped off to Mrs. Baker before May 22, 2019, then students may email their form to Mrs. Baker (shauna.baker@dcsms.org) for pre-approval BEFORE working the summer service hours. Please allow 2-3 days for approval. After service areas have been approved and noted, Mrs. Baker will reply to the student's email request.
- Students who do not turn in their service area pre-approval forms by the due date (August 30, 2019) will receive one demerit per day. Remember: three demerits result in immediate dismissal from the National Honor Society.
- Once a service area has been chosen and approved, it should not be changed. Remember, you may choose up to three service areas.
- Service hours must be completed by April 24, 2020.

Announcements will be sent via remind and/or posted on the bulletin board outside the Chemistry Lab on 1st Hall.

Questions regarding:

Community service should be directed to shauna.baker@dcsms.org

GPA should be directed to tonya.floate@dcsms.org

Other questions should be directed to alicia.stefanski@dcsms.org