



NHS Interest Meeting

August 17th, 2023
3:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

- Meet Our Officers
- How to Contact Us
- What is NHS?
- NHS Pillars
- Application Process
- Application Examples
- Expectations
- 2023-2024 NHS Application



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How to Contact Us

1. Please always direct ALL questions to the form found [HERE](#)
2. Please try to **email us yourselves** as it shows leadership and responsibility. We would rather establish a dialogue with our members, then their parents.
3. Please do NOT email the sponsors! Contact the officers first.



OR DM us on Instagram @westfieldhshs



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What is the National Honor Society?

Founded in 1921, NHS is a nationwide organization that elevates a school's commitment to **student achievement** as well as **community engagement**. Today, it is estimated that more than 1 million students participate in NHS activities.

Famous NHS members: Cal Ripken Jr., Meryl Streep, Carrie Underwood, Mike Glenn

NHS Pillars

Character: Character is what distinguishes one individual from another. It is the product of constant striving to make the right choices day after day.

Service: Service is the willingness to work for the benefit of those in need, especially in our community, without compensation or recognition

Leadership: Leaders sacrifice their personal interests in order to yield to the needs of others. Leaders need wisdom and self-confidence to affect change in all aspects of their lives.

Scholarship: Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning. A student is willing to spend the necessary time to cultivate his/her mind in the quest for knowledge.

Application Process

NHS is open to all **rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors**. All applications will be evaluated based on characteristics and involvement that most closely adheres to the four NHS Pillars. Members must have a minimum of a **3.5 GPA** which they must maintain throughout membership.

The application is digitized and will be released later today. It will consist of...

1. **Three teacher/staff recommendations** (through a Google Form)
2. **Descriptions of leadership positions**
3. **Descriptions of previous service/community engagements**
4. **Verify your GPA in SIS for application** (under course history tab)

Examples

Leadership Roles

- **Class Board Member**
- **Student Government Positions**
- **Captain of a Sports Team**
- **Leader of a Club**
- **Counselor at a Summer Camp**
- **Leader of a Youth Group or Church Group**

Community Service

- **Volunteering at a Senior Center**
- **Volunteering at a Food Pantry**
- **Volunteering at a 5K**
- **Junior Coaching**
- **Tutoring**

It does **NOT** include picking up trash, helping your mom clean the house, or doing work for any businesses your family owns

FAQ

Are there dues?

- Yes, \$25 (**DO NOT PAY DUES NOW**)

Can I include my NJHS service and leadership in the app?

- Yes, but only as a last option. We are looking more for High School involvement.

Can I still apply with a 3.49 GPA?

- No.

Can my MS teacher provide a teacher recommendation?

- No, HS teachers only.

Do I need to have a leadership/community service example for each year of HS?

- No, they can come from any year, but long-term examples show commitment.

Can my leadership and service examples be the same event?

- Yes, but they will require separate explanations

What if 2 out of 3 teachers recommend for NHS? Is that enough?

- We can't definitively say yes or no, but you **must get 3**. It depends on the rest of your application and the reasons why they did or didn't recommend you. As a rule of thumb, you should choose teachers that know you well and can speak about your capabilities. PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH TEACHERS THAT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TURNED IN!

Important Dates:

Interest Meeting

- August 17th

Application released

- August 17th

Application due

- September 7th, 8:00 PM

Results released

- Week of Oct. 17
- **CHECK YOUR FCPS STUDENT EMAIL!**

Induction Ceremony

- October 30th, 6:30 PM



Expectations

We provide enough
volunteering
opportunities to make
these expectations
reasonable!

- ★ **Junior and Sophomore** members of NHS need a total of **FIVE Group hours** and **15 Non-Group hours**.
 - Due August 25th, 2024 (NON-Group)
 - Due April 28th, 2024 (GROUP)
- ★ **Senior** members of NHS need a total of **FIVE Group hours** and **10 Non-Group Hours**
 - Due April 28th, 2024
- ★ All NHS Members are permitted **ONE** meeting absence but are required to **make-up that absence** through extra hours
- ★ Meetings take place on the **first Monday** of school in every month (NOT including holidays)
- ★ All members (new and returning) will be required to sign a **contract** agreeing to NHS rules



*Any
Questions?*



[Click here to access the
2023-2024 NHS Application](#)