



Amesbury High School Chapter of the National Honor Society

It's NEVER too early to think about being elected to the National Honor society. How you do and what you do counts from freshman year on. To be elected to NHS you must have high scholarship, service, character and leadership qualities in and out of school. Juniors and Seniors are eligible to be elected by the Faculty Advisor committee. Please read through the following information so you know what is expected of NHS members.

The Amesbury High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is one of 15,000 or more chapters throughout the United States. One of the benefits of membership in the National Honor Society is the honor of being elected to an organization who demonstrates excellence in scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Juniors and seniors are eligible for membership in the National Honor Society. Transfer students are eligible after they have been at Amesbury High School for one semester.

To be considered for membership a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and no final course grade below B-. In addition students should have met, or be in the process of meeting, the following minimum requirements:

- 2 years of each: English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies*
- 2 years of foreign language or technology or fine arts courses*

In addition to scholarship a student must demonstrate excellence in the areas of character, leadership, and service. Character involves behavior in and out of school, honesty, and personal integrity. Leadership is demonstrated through willingness to assume positions of responsibility in one's class, on teams, in clubs, and other organizations. Service is shown in a student's willingness to participate in activities: to join clubs and organizations, to donate time to class activities, to provide service in the community.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Those students who meet the criterion of scholarship are further evaluated on the basis of character, leadership, and service. The faculty evaluates students they know and work with in terms of character. Students submit an activity packet in which they describe their contributions in the areas of leadership and service. The advisor checks and summarizes the information available for each candidate and presents it to the Faculty Advisory Council.

It is the duty of the Faculty Advisory Council to establish the requirements for membership and to elect students to and if necessary dismiss students from the National Honor Society, as specified in the national guidelines for high school chapters. The Faculty Advisory Council reviews the qualifications of the eligible juniors and

seniors and elect to membership those students who demonstrate high standards of scholarship, character, leadership and service. Since all four qualities are important, it is possible for a student with good scholastic achievement not to be elected to the National Honor Society. The faculty council is given the responsibility of making the final decision.

Students elected to the National Honor Society are expected to confirm in writing to the advisor their willingness to join the organization and to uphold its ideals. Elected juniors and seniors attend one orientation meeting and are inducted into the society at a formal ceremony.

Membership in the National Honor Society is the highest honor given at Amesbury High School. Membership is listed on all transcripts (when requested), and National Honor Society members in good standing, graduate wearing gold stoles and tassels.

PRIVILEGES OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

With the signed permission of parent or guardian members may avail themselves of the following privileges:

- Leaving the building during a lunch period
- They may use the copy machine – they need to show their NHS card
- They may show their NHS card as a pass to the Library
- They do not need a hall pass – they need to show their NHS card

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Members must carry their membership card at all times.

Members are expected to maintain a 4.0 cumulative grade point average and maintain B- or better for a final course grade. Failure to do so will result in probation for one term followed by possible loss of membership. Failure to complete minimum course requirements may also result in loss of membership.

Members are expected to sign in and out in the attendance book kept on the counter of the office, to call the school by 8:00 a.m. in case of absence, to collect their own notices and read the bulletin when signing in.

Members are expected to be present at and support service projects undertaken by the chapter.

Members are expected to maintain the ideals of the National Honor Society. Any member guilty of conduct which reflects adversely on those ideals and on Amesbury High School may be subject to disciplinary action, according to the NHS by-laws and code of conduct, including possible dismissal from the society on the vote of the Faculty Advisory Council.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasurer