

Appendix D: Explanation of Service Hours & NHS Application Process

National Honor Society

The Spartan chapter of the National Honor Society is a student organization that “serves to honor those students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character” (www.nhs.us, 2008). As one requirement for recognition and participation in NHS is service hours, it is the policy of OLCCHS District 229 and the Spartan chapter of NHS that:

“to be eligible to apply for membership to the Spartan chapter of National Honor Society, a student must have completed the Service Learning graduation requirement by September 1 of the year of intended application.”

Process for NHS Application:

1. The following are criteria for eligibility to apply for induction into National Honor Society:
 - a. Student must be classified Grade 11 or Grade 12
 - b. Student must have a minimum 3.5000 cumulative GPA (effective with Class of 2020)
 - c. Student must have active involvement in at least two different and unrelated extracurricular activities
 - d. Student must not have any serious disciplinary infractions
 - e. Student must have completed the Service Learning graduation requirement by September of the year of intended application.
2. The Service Learning Coordinator will send a letter to all students who qualify based on GPA to notify them of the requirement to complete the Service Learning requirement in order to apply for NHS.
3. After the September deadline:
 - a. The Service Learning Coordinator will notify students of completion of the Services Learning graduation requirement
 - b. The Service Learning Coordinator will compile a list of students who have met the Service Learning requirement and submit to the National Honor Society sponsor.

NOTE – students may continue to volunteer if they choose, but know that hours accumulated will not count for NHS membership unless performed after induction.
4. The National Honor Society sponsor will send an invitation to apply to National Honor Society to all students who meet the GPA and Service Learning criteria.
5. Students will complete application and turn in to National Honor Society sponsor by set deadline.
6. Selection for membership is made by a five-member Faculty Council appointed by the Principal. Selection is based on the above criteria.
7. Students will be notified of acceptance and induction from the National Honor Society sponsor by set date.
8. Once inducted, students will be informed of procedures for maintaining membership.

Students and parents with questions about NHS application and induction process should contact the NHS sponsor. Contact information for all activity sponsors can be found on the district website.