

Northome Chapters:

National Honor Society

Minnesota Junior Honor Society

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Mission Statement: The mission of NHS is to honor students who have excelled in scholarship, leadership, service and character. The vision of NHS is to become a pillar in the school and community in order to promote leadership, service and character.

Membership Criteria: Membership in these organizations is based first on academic eligibility. Students who meet the academic requirements are invited to submit an application for membership. The application process seeks to identify those students who exhibit exemplary character, leadership, and service to their communities in addition to academic excellence. Student applications are reviewed by a faculty committee that determines which applicants to accept.

My vision for Northome honor societies: I am a new advisor for this organization starting with the current 2022-23 school year. My vision for National Honor Society at Northome High School would be to highlight the organization's pillars of service, leadership, scholarship, and character. I believe the fundamental purpose of the organization is to grow student leadership skills through community service. I have worked in our high school for many years and have found many of our students have ideas about what it means to be a leader but haven't had opportunities to explore those skills or put leadership skills into practice. NHS should give our students who already demonstrate strong character and academic skills an avenue to develop those skills while being involved in community service.

I believe strongly that volunteerism and service are necessary to communities. Growing the next generation of community-minded people is, in my opinion, an important aspect of NHS.

Activities: NHS members should identify needs in both our larger community and the school community, and should then develop projects based on addressing those needs. I would envision NHS to start with quarterly service projects and develop the program from there. Additionally, I

would like to see NHS members participating in leadership training opportunities at regional and state conferences sponsored by the organization.

While specific service projects should be identified and developed by students, some ideas I've considered include:

- develop an annual honor roll recognition of some type
- teach students about parliamentary procedure and running effective meetings
- teach students to write local grants and to present to groups outside of the school
- stadium seats for elderly attendees at sporting events and concerts to borrow
- assist with maintaining the memorial garden in Northome

Projected Schedule:

- General group meetings monthly
 - Additional meetings with a leadership team and whole group as needed to plan and execute service projects
 - Meetings will take place before or after school depending on student schedules
- My goal is for the group to develop and execute 2 community-based service projects during the school year as well 3-5 smaller in-building service projects.

Budget:

- Annual fee to state/national organizations covered by the school district (as has been past practice)
- Fundraising through school garage sale and one volleyball concession work night this fall should provide needed funds for service projects. Grants may be written to attempt to gain funds for larger projects if/when a need presents itself.

Compensation Level: VIII