

Northome Chapter: Junior & National Honor Societies

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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 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 believe the fundamental purpose of the organization is to grow student leadership skills through community service. NHS chapters 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 the NHS. I am excited this year for a new group of Jr. Honor Society members. This student group shows great potential in all of the NHS focus areas (service, leadership, scholarship, and character).

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. My goal is for NHS to develop 4 quarterly service projects this year. Considering that all but one of our members are in junior high, those projects will consider the age and level of experience that those students bring to the table.

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
- Service projects developed quarterly
- Fundraising as needed

Budget:

- Annual fee to state/national organizations covered by the school district (as has been past practice)
- Fundraising as needed
- Grants may be written to attempt to gain funds for larger projects if/when a need presents itself.

Compensation Level: VIII