

National Honor Society

Battle Creek High School Handbook

Requirements for Membership in Good Standing

I. Attendance

Attendance at NHS meetings is mandatory for members. Meetings will be announced beforehand in the bulletin. Two additional service hours will be assigned each member if a meeting is missed.

II. Scholarship

Members enter the Battle Creek chapter with overall GPAs that are in the top 20% of the sophomores', juniors', and seniors' accumulated GPAs. They are expected to maintain those grades in every grading period in which they are a member. Should a member's GPA fall below the standard, a probationary letter will be issued. Failure to maintain that GPA in three grading periods in which the student is a member will require the student to submit a letter of resignation and the student's name will be dropped from the membership roll.

III. Service

National Honor Society members are required to participate in extra community/volunteer service projects designated by the sponsor. These may include blood drives, the Big Brother/Big Sister program, or Kids Against Hunger. In addition, all students are required to participate each year in Honey Sunday and the Chapter's major fundraisers, which currently are working at concession stands during the basketball season and "Split the Pot" at football games. Should a student fail to complete the Chapter service requirements for a given school year, or work at the fundraisers, they will forfeit their opportunity to wear the NHS blue vestments at graduation and will not be allowed to attend the daytrip in the spring.

IV. Character

NHS members are expected to serve as role models for the student body. The faculty has received a list of current NHS members and they have been asked to report to the sponsors any instances that reflect less than exemplary character. To that end...

NHS members will

1. Treat all members of the BCHS community with respect. Members should not have in their records any disciplinary referrals to the administrators indicating a lack of respect shown to any individual in the BCHS community.
2. Maintain a courteous and cooperative attitude at all times.
3. Abide by the NHS Code of Behavior, as follows:

NHS members **will not**

4. Be involved in any activity (including alcohol & drug activities) that may result in suspension, expulsion, or police intervention at school or in the community.
5. Cheat in any way on homework, class work, quizzes, tests, projects, papers, or any other work assigned by your teachers to fulfill the requirements of a course. This includes copying homework or giving homework to others. Remember **YOU** are the role models for the student body.

Academic Integrity is demanded.

6. Be absent without a valid written excuse. Sponsors check the daily attendance bulletin regularly. Do not leave school without signing out in the front office. Do not cut class.
7. Forge another person's name for any reason whatsoever, and/or duplicating passes, etc.
8. Violate the drug and alcohol policy in any setting, either at Battle Creek or in the community at large. **Drug & alcohol violations will be grounds for immediate termination.**
9. Violate the expectations for student behavior outlined in this BCPS handbook.

NHS members who violate the code of behavior will be subject to disciplinary measures. While the guidelines of NHS state that "the goal of disciplinary measures by the faculty council is to re-educate the student to more appropriate behavior," **[which means a probationary period to last until completion of high school with no further violations]**, the faculty council may determine that a particular violation is flagrant, resulting in dismissal without warning.

Agreement

I have read and understand the requirements for maintaining membership in good standing with the Battle Creek High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. My signature below indicates my willingness to abide by these conditions. I understand that if I fail to meet any of the requirements, I will resign my membership in the organization.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read and understand the requirement for maintaining membership in good standing for my son/daughter in the Battle Creek High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Evaluation guidelines for membership provided to local selection committees by NHS's National Association Headquarters in Reston, VA.

The Honor Society is a school organization for outstanding students in grades 10-12. Selection is based on character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Eligible students are chosen from the top 20% of the combined sophomore, junior, and senior class enrollments, based on GPA. Eligible students are asked to complete a questionnaire describing involvement in school activities, community, and church organizations. Teachers who have eligible students in class or activities during the school year will provide written evaluations of character and leadership qualities. A committee of five faculty members elects the new members after evaluating all of the documents on the basis of the guidelines published by the NASSP.

Battle Creek High School considers election to the NHS a very distinct and unique honor and one that carries with it a great deal of responsibility. All guidelines, rules, and regulations pertaining to selection to and dismissal from the NHS follow the recommendations as stated in the National Honor Society Handbook.