

PHS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

As stated in the National NHS Constitution and Local Chapter Academic & Behavior Expectations, "The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. Membership in the Peetz High School Chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is determined by the Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service."

Members are asked to maintain these standards of conduct. Your signature confirms your awareness of the inherent risk of discipline and dismissal from the National Honor Society should the Code of Conduct or By-Laws be violated.

Members who fall below the standards set forth by the National Constitution and the Local Chapter By-Laws will be warned in writing by the Chapter Advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency (example: maintaining grade point average). Except in the case of violation of the law or school rules, in which case the member does not need to be warned, and the discipline/dismissal process can start immediately by the advisor and faculty council. Any member who resigns or is dismissed shall return the emblem to the Chapter Advisor.

ACADEMIC & BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

As a member of the Peetz High School (PHS) National Honor Society, students are expected to fulfill the following requirements. Students and their parents are expected to read the expectations together and return the signed portion to the chapter advisor by the specified date.

Main Points

1. The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

2. Local Chapter Expectations are in effect year round.
3. Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon invitation.
4. Participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the student body, and to the community.
5. PHS National Honor Society Members must maintain the minimum 3.5 un-weighted cumulative grade point average for each school semester. If member's grades fall below the cumulative 3.5%- the member will be given until the end of the subsequent quarter to raise his/her grade to the required average before the dismissal procedure begins.
6. PHS National Honor Society members are expected to continuously live and uphold the values and standards set forth by the local chapter.
7. PHS National Honor Society is privy to information regarding Health and Human Services Activities Code violations; we will apply appropriate consequences as specified in the Local Chapter Expectations. Therefore, violations of school rules and the law will begin the dismissal process. Violations include but are not limited to: the use, possession, selling, or being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, cheating, plagiarism, harassment, stealing, destruction of property, and truancy.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Members shall:

8. Attend and participate in all chapter meetings if present at school at the time of the meeting. Set a goal of making one positive contribution at each session, even if nothing more than being on time and paying attention to every presenter. (If you are unable to attend a meeting, please conference with the local advisor to obtain an excused absence.)
9. Publicize its projects in a positive manner by participating in and supporting all of the chapter's projects throughout the year whether by providing service, raising money, providing leadership and training, or otherwise reaching out to the school or community.
10. Assume a leadership role in the chapter, whether running for office, serving as a committee chair, or otherwise volunteering for a specific responsibility at least once each year. One aspect of this role is to show respect for other leaders in the school and organization as they undertake their duties and responsibilities.

11. Welcome new inductees and help them become an active part of the chapter as quickly as possible. Additionally, members will support their efforts to understand the operations of the Chapter by offering explanations where needed and looking out for their best interests throughout the year. *Remember:* You are a representative for your Chapter and for your school. Take pride in this function.
12. Read and respond in a timely and appropriate manner to all e-mails or other sponsor requests shared at chapter meetings and events.
13. Adhere to deadlines. Keep your commitments without having to be asked more than once.
14. Communicate effectively. Share ideas and information about chapter activities whenever possible. Be a strong communicator, whether in your oral or written communications, but also practice good listening skills; that is, exercise both one-way and two-way communications throughout the year. If you have a concern, speak with either the chapter advisor or the chapter president. Most issues can be resolved quickly without creating additional stress.
15. Motivate others and yourself to get involved and remain engaged in support of all that your chapter does at school.
16. Be good citizens at the local, state, national, and global levels. Support and encourage the ongoing use of democratic principles in all aspects of chapter activity. Members should act fairly.
17. Remain engaged as an active member of the chapter and encourage others to be similarly engaged throughout the year. Help all students find one activity that they can become involved in to enhance their experience at school. Remind yourself that you were selected to demonstrate leadership within NHS when you were chosen.
18. Be a role model for your peers in the chapter, for other students, and for those in the community. Each member represents the Honor Society and retains a responsibility to reflect the values of the organization in all that he or she does.
19. Enhance the reputation and effectiveness of the Chapter. An effective chapter is an asset to the school and promotes the creation of a positive school climate.
20. Display a positive and respectful attitude toward others. This will carry you far as you endeavor into future school and community activities.

LOCAL CHAPTER BYLAWS

1. The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Service Coordinator, and Student Council Representative.
 - a. President shall preside at all meetings, work with the advisor on planning meetings, emcee the induction-officer installation ceremony, and work closely with members, school administration, and school students. He/she announces events, helps manage the club, and acts as a liaison between the sponsor and the NHS members in addition to running the meetings.
 - b. Vice President works directly with the President of NHS to assist both the president and other members within the organization. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. Both the President and the Vice President are to be front and center at events. The Vice President will also be responsible for getting announcements and photos to the yearbook representative and to the school website administrator.
 - c. Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings. He/she is the communication link to members for upcoming events and is responsible for keeping the NHS binder up to date. The Secretary will also assist with new membership invitations in the spring.
 - d. Treasurer works closely with the NHS Sponsor and Brenda in the office to keep up-to-date on the NHS budget, expenses, and fundraising expenditures. The Treasurer must be able to create multiple spreadsheets and work closely with the sponsor throughout the year.
 - e. Service Coordinator is responsible for working with the Members to determine which events will be held throughout the year. The Service Coordinator will also communicate with the local community by hanging flyers to announce events as well as make sure the sign-up sheets are completed and placed on the NHS bulletin board. This position works closely with the President and the Sponsor.
 - f. Student Council Representative will work as a liaison between the PHS National Honor Society Organization and the Student Council. He, she is the voice of NHS during Student Council meetings and events.

2. Officers shall be elected in September of each year by majority vote. New incoming members shall be eligible to run for an office and to vote.
3. In case of a vacancy in an office, that office shall be filled by a special election as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs.
4. New members shall be inducted at the school awards banquet each year.
5. Meetings shall be held at least once each quarter. Special meetings will be called by the President or Advisor when necessary.
6. Member dues shall be set each year by the members.
7. Seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship program. The scholarship application fee will be paid for by this Chapter.
8. Each chapter shall determine three or more service projects for each school year.

DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

A member of the National Honor Society may be dismissed for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to maintain a 3.5 un-weighted cumulative grade point average for each school semester.
 - a. The student, parent or guardian, and principal will be notified in writing by the Advisor.
 - b. The student will be placed on probation for one quarter.
 - c. Failure to bring the GPA up to a 3.5 by the specified time will result in dismissal.
2. Flagrant violation of school or civil law
 - a. A member violating such rules need not be warned to be dismissed.
 - b. The dismissal of a member may be appealed under the rules that govern disciplinary appeals of Peetz Plateau RE-5.

In as much as a positive school climate helps all students achieve the goals of the principal, faculty, and the school system- a strong school builds a strong community and world. It all begins with you. Make the most of your membership in the Peetz National Honor Society.

We as parents/guardians have read all the information contained in this document. We support our adherence to the Local Chapter Code of Conduct and Expectations. We also agree to inform the Advisor or a member of the Faculty Council should our any violation listed within this documentation occur.

Signature of parent/legal guardian

Date

As a student and participant of the PHS National Honor Society, I have read the Local Chapter Code of Conduct, Expectations, & Bylaws. I agree to follow these and agree to report any violations to the Chapter Advisor or a member of the Faculty Council. I recognize that, should I fail to follow the Code of Conduct, Bylaws, or to meet the PHS National Honor Society Expectations, my membership will be subject to disciplinary action, potentially including referral to the Faculty Council for consideration of membership dismissal.

Signature of Student Member

Date

Printed Name