



BURLESON

COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

National Honor Society

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The Purpose of the National Honor Society as founded in the National Constitution:

To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render services, to promote leadership, and to develop character. (Source: NHS Constitution first composed in 1921/1929, revised 2003)

The National Honor Society chapter of Burleson Collegiate High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. NHS is an organization that recognizes outstanding individuals who are able to balance academics with other responsibilities and interests. NHS recognizes those well-rounded individuals who serve as positive role models and contributors to school life. Therefore, selection for membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students each spring on behalf of the faculty of our school.

Students in the 11th and 12th grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.66 or above. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete an application that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A personal history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is required.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council reviews cumulative school disciplinary records. These records and the student application forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Faculty Council shall represent the ultimate selection for chapter membership as required by the National Constitution. Candidates selected for membership shall be notified by written invitation. Applicants must meet the rubric criteria to be considered for induction into NHS.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, members are required to maintain the same (or better) level of performance in all four criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held during the school year, participation in the chapter service project and fund-raisers, attendance at the induction ceremony, and additional activities involving NHS.

Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter advisor, Mrs. Stevens by email laura.horner@bisdmail.net

National Honor Society Membership Responsibilities

Attendance

- Regular attendance at meetings is required.
- Meetings are held every month during the school year.
- Students who miss two meetings will be warned and placed on the inactive list

Scholarship

- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.60.
- Students whose GPA falls below will be placed on academic probation and will be allowed one semester to bring their GPA into compliance with the scholarship standards or be dropped from NHS rolls.
- Since it is not possible to have a probationary period for seniors after the first semester, each must maintain a GPA of 3.66 or be dropped from the rolls automatically.

Service Projects

- Under NHS regulations, each chapter must do service projects in which each member must be actively involved. In addition, each student shall have the responsibility of choosing and participating in individual service projects which reflect his/her own particular talents and interests.

Dues

- Dues for NHS are \$20 per year.

Fundraising

- All NHS students will participate in fundraising projects.
- Fundraisers will be used for scholarships and chapter service projects.

National Honor Society By-laws Burlison Collegiate High School

- Membership in National Honor Society is a privilege, not a right
- The National Honor Society does not exclude students from participation on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, national origin, religion or family status.
- Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible for induction. Sophomores will become active at the beginning of the next school year. All other grades become active immediately.
- An overall grade point average of 3.66 will be required for membership. The average will be cumulative beginning from the ninth grade and continuing to the present, including summer school.
- Membership in NHS is based upon scholarship, service, character and leadership mandated by the National Chapter.
- According to the rules of the national constitution, a student cannot be a candidate for NHS membership until he/she has attended BCHS for two consecutive semesters.

- For continued membership in NHS: the member will sign a pledge to follow the 4 criteria for membership. The member may have privileges withdrawn for failure to follow the criteria, for failure to pay dues, for failure to attend NHS meetings including Induction ceremony (no more than 2 absences from meetings), for failure to perform and document 25 individual hours of community service, 15 group hours for NHS, and additional activities involving NHS. Hour documentation must be submitted by May 1st of the student's senior year. The member will be responsible for providing written notification to the NHS sponsors when the student receives detention, in school suspension, alternative school, or expulsion. The Faculty council will determine penalties for repeated violations and for serious offenses.
- The NHS Faculty Council is appointed by the Burleson Collegiate High School principal. The advisor of the National Honor Society is not a voting member of the NHS Faculty Council and, therefore, does not vote during Faculty Council decisions.