

Green High School National Honor Society

CHAPTER HANDBOOK & INFORMATION

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What is the National Honor Society

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in activities of the NHS. National Honor Society chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. It is important to understand that chapter membership not only recognizes students for their past accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. Membership in the National Honor Society is a privilege and not a right of any student.

History of the National Honor Society

In 1921, the National Association of Secondary School Principals officially established the National Honor Society. Though many local and regional honor societies existed prior to 1921, no nationwide organization had been founded. Under the leadership of Dr. Edward Rynearson, principal of the Fifth Avenue High School, Pittsburgh, Pa., the organization grew from the original Alpha Chapter at the Fifth Avenue School to more than 1,000 chapters by 1930. Equipped with a constitution, an emblem and motto, and a group of dedicated principals as coordinators, the new NHS organization quickly developed into one of the country's leading educational groups.

One principle of the National Honor Society has guided its existence since its inception, and continues as its mission today: **"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."** (from the NHS Constitution) These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter.

How Local (Green High School) Chapters Operate

Local chapters of the Honor Society are governed by two sets of documents: The National Constitution and the local chapter bylaws. The NHS National Constitution and NJHS National Constitutions were developed and are monitored by the National Council that serves as the governing body of the national organizations. The day-to-day administration of the Societies is undertaken by the staff of the national office.

All chapters must adopt and abide by the provisions of the National Constitution, per their chartering agreement with the national organization. The National Handbook, available from the NHS sales office,

elaborates on the items found in the Constitution—including an outline for local bylaws—and provides guidance for advisers in applying the Constitution to their work with their chapters. (www.nhs.us).

Green High School Selection Criteria

NHS is more than just an honor roll. The Honor Society chapter establishes rules for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

- **Scholarship:** Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or equivalent standard of excellence, meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character.
- **Service:** This quality is defined as voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation or expectation for reward, and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.
- **Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with, or for, others. Leadership may be in the form of actions or by example.
- **Character:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Green High School Selection Process

The Green High School chapter of the National Honor Society has developed its selection procedure to comply with national standards and guidelines. However, the selection procedure used at Green High School may vary slightly from that of other schools, as national guidelines allow each chapter to modify its selection process to meet local needs.

Who is Eligible?

Juniors and seniors who are enrolled as full-time students at Green High School are eligible for consideration as members. In order to be eligible, a student must have a **cumulative** grade point average of **3.6 or higher**. Grade point averages are figured based on the student's performance from the start of the freshman year through the end of the sophomore year for junior candidates and through the end of the junior year for senior candidates. Grade point average are not rounded up nor is extra consideration given to students who take Advanced Placement or honors courses. In order to be eligible, the student must have attended Green High School for a minimum of one semester. Students are then required to maintain this grade point average through graduation in order to remain a member of the society.

Steps in the Selection Process

In the fall of each school year, the chapter advisers confirm grade point averages with the guidance office and compile a list of those students who meet or exceed the grade point average requirement.

The guidance office confirms eligibility lists. Eligible students are notified in writing early in the school year. Those students who are eligible receive a CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACKET that is required to continue & complete the selection process. One meeting is scheduled before school and the other is scheduled after school. Students who wish to continue the selection process are required to complete a number of steps described below.

According to national guidelines, students are selected for membership based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service and character. Preliminary selection is based on a point system and takes into account a candidate's grade point average, involvement in school and community activities, leadership positions held, recommendations from four high school staff members and input from the entire high school faculty & staff. Points are determined using the following formula:

- Students earn points for their involvement in community activities. A student earns one point for each year of activity that involves under 20 hours per year, two points for each year of an activity that required 21-40 hours per year, three points for each year of an activity that involves 41-60 hours per year and four points for each year of an activity that involved 61 or more hours per year. (30 points maximum).
- Students earn points for their involvement in school activities. A student earns one point for each year of a school activity that requires fewer than 40 hours of out-of-class time commitment during the school year. A student earns two points for each year of an activity that requires 41 or more hours of out-of-class time commitment during the school year. (30 points maximum).
- The student earns one point for each year of a leadership position in a school or community activity. Leadership positions are defined as those to which the student is elected by his or her peers or appointed by a coach or adviser. (10 points maximum)
- The student is required to submit recommendation forms to four high school staff members. In those forms, the staff member evaluates the student on character, leadership and service. Points are averaged from all four recommendations. (30 points maximum).
- The entire high school staff then has the opportunity to evaluate candidates on the same three criteria: service, leadership and character. Staff members are to evaluate only those students they have had in class or supervised in an extracurricular activity. Staff members evaluate the candidate on a five point scale and all evaluations are averaged. (30 points maximum).

All points earned by each student are tallied to determine the total points earned by the student and compiled in a list for consideration by the Faculty Council. Juniors and seniors are considered independently of one another.

It is important to note that national guidelines (and local guidelines) prohibit any type of quota system for selection. There is no set number of students who will be selected each year. Final decisions as to selection and non-selection are the determination of the Faculty Council (with input from the information gathered from each student as well as input from the high school staff). A majority vote of the Faculty Council is necessary for selection. Decisions of the Faculty Council are final.

According to national guidelines, "Chapters are not legally or constitutionally obligated to share with parents and students information concerning specific students not selected for membership in the Society." Therefore, it is the practice of the Green High School chapter that all information used by the advisers and Faculty Council during the selection process will remain strictly confidential.

Those students who are selected for membership are notified by mail of their selection. Non-selection students are also notified by mail. Those students who are selected for membership are required to attend an informational meeting that provides them with information about the induction ceremony.

The selection process shall be published on the high school web site, and in this member handbook each year. A written copy of the process is available from the chapter advisers upon written request.

Induction of new members is held during an evening each fall in the high school auditorium. Green High School does not hold a second selection process or induction ceremony in the spring.

Green High School Faculty Council

The Faculty Council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the high school principal. Faculty Council members may serve more than one term. The chapter adviser(s) shall be ex-officio, non-voting member(s) of the Faculty Council. No principal or assistant principal shall serve as a member of the Faculty Council.

The Faculty Council is charged with final decisions regarding selection and non-selection of students for membership into the National Honor Society. Additionally, the Faculty Council determines the grade point average needed for selection and reviews the policies and procedures of the chapter each school year.

The names of Faculty Council members will remain anonymous and will not be shared with any staff or faculty member, student or parent.

The Faculty Council will not hear appeals of selection or non-selection.

Appeals of non-selection shall be made to the faculty adviser(s) first, then to the high school principal. The Green Local School policy for student appeals will be followed thereafter.

In addition, in order to maintain its anonymity, the Faculty Council has appointed the chapter advisers to represent it in matters of discipline of members.

The Chapter Advisers in the Selection Process

It is important for all prospective members, current members and their parents to know that the chapter advisers do not determine membership in the chapter. Advisers do not have a vote in the meeting at which members are selected. The role of the advisers during the selection process is solely to collect and assemble information to be presented to the Faculty Council. The chapter advisers can, however, participate in the process by completing Faculty Recommendation Forms and evaluating candidates with the remainder of the faculty.

National Honor Society Member Requirements & Opportunities

One of the main purposes of the National Honor Society is to render service to the school and community. The society seeks students who are willing to give of their time for the benefit of others as active members. National Honor Society is more than an academic honor roll; all four criteria for

selection are considered equally. Members are carefully chosen because of their proven track record in all four membership criteria. Once selected, members are required to maintain the criteria that warranted their selection and, in fact, assume additional responsibilities in order to uphold the honor that comes with being a member. National Honor Society members are expected to be leaders in the school and community. Students who wish to be members of the National Honor Society simply because of the “title” that accompanies membership should seriously reconsider their intentions. Members are expected to make arrangements with coaches, employers and other advisers in order to be able to participate in chapter activities.

Once selected, Green High School National Honor Society members are expected to complete the following requirements each year of membership in order to maintain good standing. These are member requirements:

- Regularly attend chapter meetings on the dates established, and to arrive at meetings on time.
- Actively participate in chapter service projects throughout the school year.
- Be actively involved in service to the community on an individual basis.
- Actively participate in chapter fundraisers throughout the year.
- Participate in the induction ceremony rehearsal (for current members). Students who fail to attend the rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in the induction ceremony.
- Participate in the annual National Honor Society Retreat (held after the induction ceremony).
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or higher through graduation.
- In addition to the service aspect of the society, the chapter may offer a variety of social activities for members throughout the year. The number of activities will vary from one school year to the next, and may also vary depending on member interest.

Service Hour Requirements

Members of the Green High School National Honor Society chapter are required to actively participate in chapter and individual service activities throughout the school year. Minimum requirements, in order to maintain active membership, are:

Participation in four chapter service projects throughout the year*

Six (6) hours of individual service per semester**

Regular attendance at chapter meetings.***

**Members must participate in the Senior Citizens Social and three other activities of their choice during the school year.*

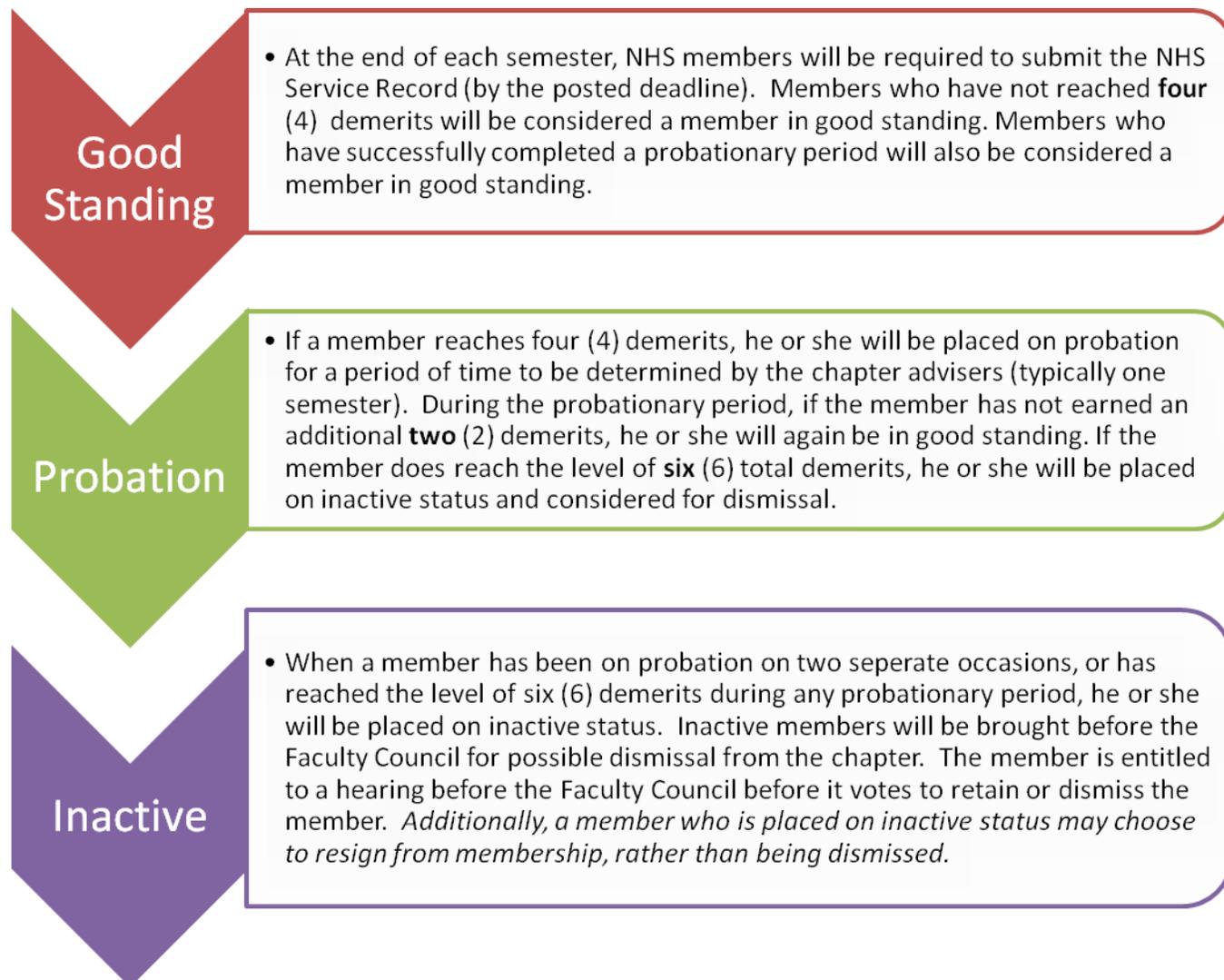
***Members who are inducted during the 2012-2013 school year are exempt from this requirement during the first semester.*

**** Members who are inducted during the 2012-2013 school year are required to attend only the December meeting.*

Member Discipline & Possible Dismissal

All members of the Green High School chapter of the National Honor Society are expected to meet certain member responsibilities and expectations. Members who fail to meet these expectations will be subject to disciplinary measures as outlined below.

Each time a member fails to fulfill a responsibility, he or she will be issued a demerit(s). **One (1) demerit will be issued for failing to fulfill most requirements;** however, **failure to complete the required chapter service projects, or individual service requirement, in a given semester, will result in the issuance of two (2) demerits.**



*Notes: Members who commit serious violations of the Green High School Student Code of Conduct will be subject to consideration for immediate dismissal. Likewise, when the chapter becomes aware that a member has committed a criminal act (not including minor violations such as traffic tickets, etc...) he or she will be placed on probation. If the member is found, or pleads, guilty of the crime, he or she will be immediately dismissed from the chapter. Finally, members who are placed on in-school or out-of-school suspension will be placed on probation and brought before the Faculty Council for possible dismissal. **Only those senior members in GOOD STANDING will be recognized at the senior awards and will have the privilege of wearing the gold honor cord and being listed as an NHS member in the graduation program.***

Documentation of Activities

Near the end of each semester, members will be required to submit documentation of their chapter service, individual service and meeting attendance. The documentation form will be posted online and members are required to print the form and submit it to the adviser(s) by the published deadlines.

List of Important Dates

Each spring, the adviser(s) will prepare a list of important dates and deadlines for the following school year. This will be distributed to all members who will be returning in the fall and will be posted to the NHS web page. This information will also be posted on the NHS section of the school's web site.

NHS Member Resignation

A member who resigns from NHS will never again be eligible for membership or its benefits. Resignation from the Honor Society should involve the submission of a written statement by the resigning member that is dated and signed by both the student and his or her parent(s). Verbal resignations are generally insufficient to end membership. Students contemplating resignation should be informed of the ramifications of their resignation. Students cannot be forced to resign. This situation would be interpreted as a dismissal order for which the process, as outlined in Article X of the national constitution, must be followed.

GHS Code of Conduct for Elective Activities

This code of conduct applies to students in any activity that is not required as part of the regular school curriculum. The authority to control student conduct includes conduct on school premises, at school-related activities and off-school conduct or non-school related activities having a direct, indirect or immediate effect on the discipline or general welfare of the school.

MAJOR CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

A student's participation shall be limited or denied in anyone or more elective activities for violation of any of the following rules during in-school or out-of-school times, including summer vacations. No student at any location shall:

1. Possess, handle, transmit, conceal, use, consume, sell, conspire to sell or be under the use of illegal drugs, imitation drugs, tobacco or alcohol.
2. Become involved in criminal activities that violate the law.

GENERAL CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

The advisor, coach or teacher in charge of any elective activity or the principal may limit or deny a student's participation in such activity, as a result of student misconduct which is reasonably determined by the adviser, coach, teacher in charge or principal to be disruptive of the activity, good order and discipline of the school or the authority of the supervisor in charge. Examples of types of misconduct which may result in such disciplinary action include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Insubordination to a coach, adviser, teacher or administrator in charge of or responsible for the

elective activity.

2. Violation of the constitution or rules governing the elective activity.
3. Failure to comply with the training regulations, safety requirement, or other directions or requests set forth by the adviser, coach, teacher or administrator in charge of the activity.
4. Engaging in any conduct which materially and substantially interferes-with the educational process of the elective activity, including the use of obscene or profane language or gestures.

PENALTY ASSESSMENT: MAJOR CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

First offense: For activities which have a schedule of public playing dates, the student will be denied participation for a minimum of four (4) consecutive dates at the high school level and two (2) consecutive dates at the middle school level. If four dates (two in the case of the middle school) do not remain in the current activity, the remaining penalty will be carried over into the next activity having public playing dates in which the student becomes involved. This may involve the next school year.

For activities which do not have a schedule of playing dates, the student will be denied participation in the equivalent of 50% of the scheduled activities, such equivalent to be determined by the adviser of the activity and the principal.

Students who violate the major conduct code will be placed on probation for a period of one year.

Second offense: A second offense which occurs during the probation year will result in the suspension of the student from activities for the remainder of the probation period or a minimum of 18 weeks, whichever is greater.

PENALTY ASSESSMENT: GENERAL CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

A student may be removed from participation in the specific elective activity for a period to be determined by the adviser, coach, teacher or administrator and other action may be taken as deemed appropriate by the person responsible for the activity.

Types of National Honor Society Membership

Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Membership in the Green High School chapter is divided into five categories: distinction, good standing, probationary, honorary or graduate.

Members in Good Standing: are those juniors or seniors who are actively maintaining the standards that warranted their selection.

Probationary Members: are those juniors or seniors who have received two or more demerits or those who have been subject to disciplinary action under the guidelines described above.

Honorary Members: are those who have been granted membership by the Faculty Council in keeping with the purposes of the National Honor Society based on a special situation or circumstance.

Graduate Members: active members become graduate members upon graduation.

Chapter Meetings

Executive committee and full chapter meeting dates and times will be posted on the National Honor Society web page each year. It is the responsibility of the member to mark meeting dates in his or her calendar and plan accordingly.

It is the responsibility of the student to sign the proper attendance sheet. If the student fails to sign the attendance sheet, he or she will not be given credit for attendance at the meeting. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Special meetings may be called by the executive committee or the chapter adviser(s) as conditions warrant. Members are expected to attend special meetings as they would regular meetings. Those calling special meetings will make every effort to provide as much advance notice as possible.

The Principal's Role in the National Honor Society

The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter. The principal will annually appoint a member of the faculty as chapter adviser, who may serve consecutive terms.

He or she shall annually appoint a Faculty Council composed of five members of the school's faculty who may serve consecutive terms. The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates, and the disciplining or dismissal of members.

The Role of the Chapter Advisers

The chapter adviser shall be responsible for the direct, day-to-day supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between faculty, administration, students, and community. The chapter adviser shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions. The chapter adviser shall send the annual report to the national office. The chapter adviser shall regularly review each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

The chapter advisers shall help the chapter officers understand and carry out their duties. The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the Faculty Council. The chapter adviser shall be a member of the faculty, appointed annually by the principal, and may serve consecutive terms.

National Honor Society Executive Committee

(If officers are elected)

The executive committee of the Green High School chapter of the National Honor Society shall consist of the chapter adviser(s) and the three elected officers: president and co-vice presidents. The Executive Committee shall meet prior the first Tuesday of each month school is in session. The executive committee will be responsible for conducting the day-to-day operations of the chapter. It will also have

the responsibility to review chapter procedures and policies and make or propose changes to the full chapter membership.

Members of the Executive Committee may be given the opportunity to attend the National Honor Society state conference in Columbus (attendance is pending school board approval).

Individual Service Projects

Each member of the Green High School chapter of the National Honor Society is required to be actively involved in service to the community on an individual basis. Guidelines for individual projects are:

- The project must be one that benefits the community. It can not be a school-related service project and may not be associated with any other school group or extra-curricular activity.
- The project should be one of significance. Small jobs (mowing a neighbor's lawn, raking an elderly relative's leaves, etc...), while worthwhile, do not count toward this requirement.
- Projects do not need to be approved in advance.

Chapter service project deadlines will be published and provided to the membership at the first full chapter meeting of the school year.

Member Dues

Members are not required to pay a membership dues, or are not required to pay as part of the district's pay to participate program.

Honor Cords

Senior members of the National Honor Society are recognized at graduation by wearing a double gold honor cord. Members may borrow a cord from a sibling or friend if they choose. Members may purchase an honor cord for \$10, paid at the time the order is placed. An order deadline will be announced well in advance.

Induction Ceremony & Rehearsal

The annual induction ceremony is held in the fall of each school year. All current members & new inductees participate in the ceremony.

In order to participate in the induction ceremony, all current members must attend the ceremony rehearsal. **A member who does not attend the rehearsal will be able to attend the ceremony, but may not induct anyone into the chapter.** The date and time for the ceremony rehearsal will be distributed to members at the first full chapter meeting of the school year. Any current member who fails to attend the rehearsal will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

Post Secondary/Career Center Students

Students who attend Post Secondary classes or participate in programs at the Portage Lakes Career Center are required to fulfill all obligations of other members including, but not limited to, attending all

chapter meetings, participating in chapter fundraisers and service projects. If a member has post-secondary classes that start at 8:00am or earlier, they are exempt from attending the monthly meetings for the semester(s) in which this applies, but **MUST personally** see the adviser(s) the following day. Because these students are away from the school at times, it is his or her responsibility to maintain communication with the chapter advisers and/or other members of the chapter. Because of this absence from the school, it is especially important that the PSEO/career center member attend all chapter meetings.

Chapter Executive Committee & Elections

(This information is void if no officers are elected)

Any active member of the National Honor Society is eligible to run for one of two offices: president or vice president. The student must currently be a junior who will become a senior the following school year.

According to school policy, a student may serve as a president in only one school group during a given school year. Students may be elected to any other office in any other extracurricular club or group in the school during the same year they serve as a National Honor Society officer.

In order to be eligible for office, a member must declare his or her intention to run for an unspecified office, by completing the Intent to Run For Office form provided in the candidate packet. Intent forms must be submitted to the chapter adviser(s) by the announced deadline. Intent forms submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The date officer candidate packets will be available will be announced at a regular chapter meeting.

A member seeking election must have recommendation forms completed by current high school teachers. Those recommendation forms must be submitted by the deadline published in the candidate packet.

All active NHS members may vote for no more than two candidates. Chapter advisers will also have a vote in during the election process. Results of the voting will remain anonymous to anyone but the advisers. Election results will be posted no later than the day following elections.

Elections are held during the full chapter meeting in March or April of each school year.

Officers who fail to fulfill their responsibilities may be subject to disciplinary action and possible removal from office. Once an officer has been removed from office, the officers are given the responsibility to select a replacement. The replacement will be done so in a timely manner.

Senior of the Month

The National Honor Society is charged with the responsibility of nominating students for Senior of the Month honors. Members in attendance at regular chapter meetings nominate male and female students from National Honor Society and students who are not members of the society. Nominations take place at selected full chapter meetings and the names of the top three male and female students are submitted to the high school staff who casts votes to select one male and one female as Senior of

the Month. Students selected for the honor are invited to a school board meeting at which they are publicly recognized and receive a certificate. Students may receive Senior of the Month honors only once.

Transfer of Membership

Differing standards and procedures among chapters sometimes cause difficulty for students who transfer schools. Although the constitution of the National Honor Society states that members must automatically be accepted into the NHS chapter of the new school, the transferee may be unable to meet the new chapter's standards within one semester. For example, if a junior transferred to a school that accepted only seniors into the National Honor Society, the junior, of course, could not meet the requirements of the new chapter within one semester. In such or similar cases, the transfer student may lose his or her NHS membership until he or she is able to meet the new chapter's standards.

In cases where the GPA standard of the new school is higher than that of the old school, one of two things may happen:

1. The student may be granted membership and given a reasonable amount of time (a semester perhaps) to raise the GPA to the new school standard. If the student fails to raise his or her GPA to the new standard, he or she loses NHS membership.
2. The student may be told that membership in the new chapter will be bestowed once the student demonstrates the higher, new GPA.

In all transfer cases, the Faculty Council is charged with making a sound, professional judgment regarding the membership status of the individual.

If a member meets all requirements of the Green High School chapter and the proper paperwork has been submitted, the member may be formally inducted at the next scheduled induction ceremony.

Note: The NHS constitution states: "A National Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the principal or the adviser shall automatically be accepted as a member of the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership." (article VIII, section 6) Junior members who transfer to Green High School and fail to meet the chapter's standards by the end of one semester may be eligible to be considered for membership as a senior, but must complete the selection process as any student would have to.

National Honor Society & Junior National Honor Society

While Green Local Schools sponsors a chapter in both organizations, the two groups are, in no way, affiliated with one another. Students who become members of the Junior National Honor Society are not automatically members of the National Honor Society at Green High School nor does membership in the Junior National Honor Society influence a member's chances for membership in the high school organization. Once students reach the high school they are required to complete a new selection process in order to be considered for membership.

Prospective Members: Planning Ahead

Students who anticipate being eligible for membership in the National Honor Society in their junior or senior years are encouraged to begin planning for the process early in their high school careers. It is recommended that students who think they might be eligible should begin keeping records of their school and community involvement at the start of their freshman year at Green High School. Any student or parent with a question about the process should contact the advisers at the high school: 330-896-7575.

Annual Chapter Activities

Each school year, the National Honor Society will complete a variety of service projects, benefiting the school and/or community. Historically, some of these projects have included:

Induction Ceremony: This impressive ceremony is held each November to honor the new class of inductees as well as recognize existing members.

New Inductee Reception: This reception, attended by current members, new inductees, parents, friends and teachers honors the new class of inductees. The reception immediately follows the induction ceremony.

National Honor Society Retreat: This day-long retreat is held the day following the induction ceremony and is designed to explore leadership and to give members an opportunity to develop leadership skills that can be utilized in the school and the community.

State Conference: This one-day statewide conference, held each school year in Columbus, is attended by the executive committee and gives them an opportunity to network with students from NHS chapters from throughout the state of Ohio. Many of the school and community service projects we currently complete originated from the state conference.

Operation St. Nick: Each December, the society has raised money to assist needy families locally during the holidays. During the past two years, NHS has raised well over \$7,000 and has sponsored numerous families during the holiday season.

Trick or Treat Trail: In October, the society has participated in the city's Trick or Treat Trail and hand out candy to over 2,000 costumed young people from Green and the surrounding communities each year.

Holiday Caroling: Each December, chapter members have visited local nursing homes to visit with and sing holiday carols for the residents.

National Student Leadership Week: In April, National Honor Society co-hosts a series of National Student Leadership Week activities aimed at recognizing the top leaders in the school. The week is highlighted by a leadership luncheon.

Senior Citizens Social: The major community service project of the chapter is the Senior Citizens Social held each April. Each year, over 100 local seniors are invited to the school for a night of dinner, dancing, food and entertaining activities.

School & Cleanup: In the spring and fall of the school year, the membership is responsible for cleanup and maintenance of the main courtyard at the high school and will also plant flowers at select times.

Senior Farewell Breakfast: During the regularly-scheduled May meeting, the incoming junior officers host the graduating seniors and their parents as well as junior society members and recognize each of the graduating members during a continental breakfast. The meeting also features installation of the new chapter officers.

Staff Appreciation: In the spring of the school year, the NHS membership plans and carries out a staff recognition program. Ideas for recognition activities are sought from chapter membership.

Green High School NHS: Outstanding Member Award

Each school year the Green High School chapter of the National Honor Society may honor no more than two graduating seniors with the National Honor Society *Outstanding Member* scholarship. Provided funding is available, the scholarship will be in an amount of to be determined by the chapter advisers. If funding is not available, the award will be presented without a scholarship, at the discretion of the advisers.

1. The scholarship will be awarded to a second-year senior National Honor Society member(s) who finishes the senior year as a Member with Distinction. Additionally, to be eligible, a member may not have been placed on probation at any point during his or her year(s) of membership.
2. The scholarship will be based on the selection criteria established by the national guidelines: character, service, leadership and service. The advisers have the responsibility to select scholarship recipients. The scholarship recipients shall be those who have set themselves apart from others in some way through service to the National Honor Society, the school or community.
3. The scholarship recipient will be awarded the monetary amount upon receipt of proof of the student's registration at a college or university, proof of the student's class schedule as well as a tuition bill or invoice or receipt of payment. In some cases, it may be necessary for the adviser(s) to forward the check to the student during the fall when school begins, following awarding of the scholarship. It is the responsibility of the recipient to provide this information to the advisers within three months of the date of presentation.
7. In such cases as where the recipient fails to provide this information to the advisers in a timely manner, the money will carry over and placed into a scholarship fund to be used for future recipients.
8. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Senior Farewell Luncheon and will also be presented at the Senior Awards Assembly or another fitting occasion.