

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

North Carolina Cyber Academy Chapter

Membership Rules and Regulations

Expectations:

● The National Honor Society is a distinguished organization that seeks to recognize students for their dedication to, and excellence in scholarship, leadership, character, and community service. You have been invited to apply for membership because you exemplify the aforementioned qualities. This contract identifies the expectations that the North Carolina Cyber Academy chapter of the National Honor Society holds for its members including those stated in the Bylaws.

● Those selected as future members of the North Carolina Cyber Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society must maintain the high standards of the [National Honor Society](#) by remaining active in organizations and demonstrating positive leadership in all aspects of student life. As stated in the National Honor Society Handbook, *“The object of this chapter shall be to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and to encourage the development of character in all students of North Carolina Cyber Academy.”* As an inducted member of the National Honor Society, you are expected to work toward these goals for the duration of your membership in the ways outlined below.

- Membership dues: \$15.00
- Attendance
- Service to the Community
- Service to your School
- Peer Tutoring/Counseling
- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Character

I. Membership Dues:

● Dues of \$15.00 will be collected upon induction. Your dues will support our chapter of the National Honor Society in purchasing supplies used throughout the year including lapel pins, membership cards, certificates, graduation stoles, induction ceremony supplies, etc. [Note: If you need assistance with this fee, please contact your Chapter Adviser.]

II. Attendance/ Meetings/Communications:

● **Occurrence of Meetings.** The majority of meetings are scheduled monthly, with the meeting dates and meeting times decided upon by a majority vote of Chapter Members, based on the School Calendar and the Chapter Adviser’s availability. Note that the Chapter

Adviser holds the right to call special meetings when necessary.

- **Notification of Meetings.** Members will be notified of upcoming meetings via one or more of the following: (a) a Google Invite, (b) the previous meeting's Agenda, (c) the previous meeting's Minutes, or (d) NCCA Gmail. NOTE: Members are *personally responsible* for actively enquiring about the next meeting dates if the member has not received notification by any of the preceding methods listed.

- **Members are required to attend all NHS meetings.** However, members may reasonably be excused for two (2) *excused* absences. The member must--within forty-eight (48) hours--submit the [“NHS Absence Management” Google Form](#) which will include the mandatory verification signature. Without the signature, the absence is not considered excused. Forms must be submitted to the Chapter Adviser within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of absence. Repeated unexcused absences may result in a member being asked to leave NHS, thereby ending their membership with the NCCA Chapter.

- **Tardiness.** Coming into a meeting ten (10) minutes late **will be considered an absence**; this will allow for those rare times that you might run late. Do not make it a habit.

- **Absences.** If you miss two (2) meetings (even though they are excused absences) you will be placed on conditional membership status and receive a warning regarding non-attendance. Any further absences after the written warning will result in a final determination of standing in the NCCA NHS in which you will be allowed to write a letter in your defense to be presented to the Faculty Council and you may ask your guidance counselor to plead your case.

- **Communications.** At NCCA, it is imperative that all NHS members engage in responsible and timely communication with teachers, administrators, club sponsors, and their Chapter Adviser. Members are expected to read and respond to all communications within a 48-hour timeframe, except in cases of extenuating circumstances. This policy is designed to foster a collaborative and supportive educational environment.

III. Service:

- The National Chapter of the Society requires that all local chapters involve themselves in community service. All members of the NCCA Chapter must perform thirty (30) hours of documented community service during each year of membership. **Members are expected to maintain and keep up-to-date their [NCCA Community Service Portfolio](#) at the end of each service activity.**

- Members who do not have evidence of service *on a quarterly basis* will be put on probation. If a member fails to comply, the member may be dismissed from the NHS. *In addition*, all members are required to participate in any Group or Individual Service Project that is sponsored by the NHS.

- Although members' goals for their Individual Service Project ("ISP") and their Group Service Project ("GSP") is to meaningfully meet the needs of their approved 501(c)(3) organization, it is expected that the grand total number of hours of service dedicated for each project will be as follows:

- Individual Service Project
 - Minimum 5 -7 hours
- Group Service Project
 - Minimum 7-10 hours

IV. Peer Tutoring:

- Every NHS member is expected to serve NCCA through Peer Tutoring. The Chapter Adviser will provide more information upon request.

V. Scholarship:

- You must maintain a 3.50 or better unweighted GPA for the remainder of your high school career. If your unweighted GPA drops below this minimum, you will automatically be put on probation for one marking period. If at the end of the probationary marking period, your unweighted GPA is 3.50 or better, you will again be *a member in good standing*. However, you must maintain a 3.50 minimum unweighted GPA for the rest of your high school career, or your membership will be revoked. If you do not raise your unweighted GPA to the required minimum of 3.50 at the end of the probation period, the Faculty Council will revoke your membership. An extension of the probation period may be granted under extenuating circumstances.

- In addition, members of the National Honor Society are expected to strictly maintain all standards of scholarship at North Carolina Cyber Academy. These standards include honesty in claiming authorship and in documenting sources of information (i.e., zero tolerance for plagiarism offenses).

VI. Leadership:

- Leadership requires more than participating actively in organizations, clubs, or disciplines contributing to the school or community, although this is an essential aspect of leadership. The combination of scholarship, service, and character identifies a true leader: as a member of the NCCA National Honor Society, your leadership will be judged by your performance in all four areas outlined in this contract. You do not need to be an officer in an organization to be essential to its operation. Responsibility, reliability, and active participation are essential components of leadership. ***Note: In our virtual environment, active participation includes having your camera on during Live Learning sessions and using the microphone.*** By not fulfilling any obligation to which you have committed yourself, you will not be deemed responsible or reliable if you fail, including taking

unexcused absences from school or falling behind in pacing. The Faculty Council may review the membership of any student who is repeatedly and inappropriately absent from classes or whose pacing has fallen behind.

VII. Character:

- The word honor implies that the members of the National Honor Society should earn the respect of others. You earn respect by displaying such character traits as honesty, respectfulness, maturity, humility, and helpfulness. As stated earlier, being a member of the National Honor Society is an honor and a privilege, and as such you are expected to maintain a high level of integrity. It is essential to maintain your good reputation in and out of the classroom; others will hold you to a higher standard of ethical behavior. You will serve as a model student to others who attend NCCA. By not fulfilling any obligation to which you have committed yourself, you will not be deemed responsible or reliable if you fail, including taking unexcused absences from school or falling behind in pacing. The Faculty Council may review the membership of any student who is repeatedly and inappropriately absent from classes or whose pacing has fallen behind.
- Character also requires adherence to the rules established to govern a community, including the policies of individual teachers and of the North Carolina Cyber Academy School District. Dishonesty, rudeness, inappropriate language, or other such behaviors are unacceptable. Officially reported incidences, referrals, or suspensions will have an impact on your membership status. Major offenses such as plagiarizing/cheating, substance use, attending events where illegal substances are present, or other equally major offenses will be reviewed by the Faculty Council and can result in revoking your NHS membership. Minor offenses such as referrals, rudeness, inappropriate language or behavior at events, or other equally minor offenses again will be reviewed by the Faculty Council and can result in your NHS membership being put on conditional status. Repeated minor offenses will result in your NHS membership being revoked.
- The Faculty Council may review the membership of any student who is referred to the administration, or who commits any infraction of the Code of Conduct for the North Carolina Cyber Academy School District, or who breaks the law.
- Again, remember, if selected you will be an NHS representative and, more importantly, your personal integrity is placed in jeopardy with poor choices in behavior. ***The National Honor Society policies DO NOT replace but extend the existing policies or procedures established through the school handbook and/or the code of conduct***

VIII. Faculty Council Review:

- The Faculty Council will consist of five (5) North Carolina Cyber Academy teachers. They will review the information pending your situation, and you will then have the opportunity to write an explanation of your position and/or request an advocate (administrator or counselor) to defend your actions or inaction. After reviewing all of the information, the Faculty Council will vote. Faculty Council members will review the

information and vote independently, similar to the process of the selection of members. To remain in NHS, you will need to receive three “Yes” votes from the Faculty Council. If three “Yes” votes are not obtained, NHS membership will end.

IX. Revocation of Membership:

- When a student has their membership revoked, any privileges that go with the membership are also lost. This means that the student can not use NHS as an activity or honor on any college or scholarship applications. The NCCA Chapter Adviser will then contact all colleges/universities that the student applied to, was accepted to, or has matriculated into, regardless of when, during the year, that student’s membership was revoked-- colleges will be contacted as a result.

Your digital signature on the Candidate Information form which was completed with your application for membership serves as your official understanding and acceptance of these Rules & Regulations.

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