

Four Pillars of National Honor Society

Character



The force within an individual which distinguishes that person from others.

Service



Willingness to work without monetary compensation or recognition.

Leadership



The willingness to yield to one's personal interests for the interest of others.

Scholarship



A commitment to learning.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENT

- NHS members exhibit leadership within the community at large OR the school community.
- NHS members will demonstrate leadership in promoting school activities.
- NHS members will demonstrate academic initiative.
- NHS members will successfully hold school offices and/or positions of responsibility.
- NHS members will demonstrate positive leadership in the classroom, at work, and in school activities.

WHAT DOES LEADERSHIP LOOK LIKE?

- Some examples of leadership can include, but are not limited to, leading group activities in the classroom and in the community, being an officer in a club, being a primary member of the band or choir, or being the captain of a sports team.
- Quiet leadership: always on task, participates often, helping peers, persevering through a struggle

CHARACTER REQUIREMENT

- Exhibits excellent character within the community at large AND the school community.
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- Shows courtesy, concern and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality and consistency in obligations both inside and outside the classroom.
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience of rules, refuses to cheat, and shows an unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.

WHAT DOES CHARACTER LOOK LIKE?

*taken from 6 pillars of character National webpage

- Trustworthy: honest, reliable, loyal, courageous
- Respect: kind, tolerant, reflective, polite
- Responsibility: preserve, work hard, manage time well, be accountable, set a good example
- Fairness: follow the rules, share, listen
- Caring: gratitude, forgiveness, compassion, kindness
- Citizenship: cooperate, involvement, respect authority, protect the environment, strive to make a difference

Unveiled over a century ago, the National Honor Society enshrines four pillars at its heart: **Scholarship**, **Service**, **Leadership**, and **Character**. More than mere badges of honor for NHS members, these principles are transformative keys that unlock potential, enhancing every student's educational journey, and ultimately empowering them to make profound, enduring contributions to our world.



Scholarship

Scholarship is more than a report card; it represents a dedicated commitment to lifelong learning. It's about optimizing the educational opportunities offered and pursuing knowledge within and beyond academic confines. Scholarship necessitates a consistent effort, with an aspiration to contribute positively to the world through one's own knowledge, skills, and experiences.



Service

Service represents the choice of stepping outside oneself to meet the needs of others, fueled by an unwavering passion for a cause, heartfelt empathy for others, or driven by personal circumstances. It's about performing selfless acts that transcend the ordinary, engendering transformative changes that resonate through our schools, ripple across our communities, and reverberate on a global scale. In the noble act of service, we sculpt a better world with our hands, our hearts, and our humanity.



Leadership

Leadership is more than a position or title; it means embodying the spirit of initiative, innovation, and influence. It's about inspiring peers through actions, nurturing a collaborative environment, and championing positive change. Student leaders embrace the responsibility of shaping their academic community, all while fostering personal growth and development. It's an interplay of intellect, empathy, and resilience, guiding others while continually learning and evolving.



Character

Character is the essence of who we are. It is about valuing diversity, building relationships grounded in empathy, and exhibiting qualities like perseverance, respect, integrity, and honesty. Character lies not in public acts of virtue or visible mistakes, but in the consistent commitment to ethical and compassionate decision-making that positively affects both oneself and others.