

SOMERSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
CONTRACT

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Membership in NHS is an honor and continued membership carries with it certain national and local requirements. Each member must maintain the four standards and must attend all meetings. The four standards are:

SERVICE: This involves your commitment to NHS generated community service and fundraising projects.

- All NHS members are required to log 40 hours of volunteering each year, 20 of these must be in a tutoring/mentoring capacity. Twenty (20) must involve service. These 40 service hours must be accumulated through direct participation in an NHS sponsored activity or time spent planning/preparing for the activity. Service and tutoring opportunities will be available and every effort will be made to accommodate a student's schedule. The minimum requirements listed above, should be considered as just that- a minimum- and it is the expectation that most NHS members will find it easy to meet these requirements.
- Tutoring forms must be signed by a supervisor and given to the vice president by the end of each quarter. Forms are available on our website.
- Service activities will be monitored using the Service Sign-in Sheet at each service activity and participation will be monitored by the chair of the event as well as the advisor.
- Participation is required in a minimum of 3 fund raising activities.
- NHS shirts must be worn when participating in an NHS service project or fund raiser.

LEADERSHIP: This regards your willingness to function as a leader in class, the hallways, NHS meetings, community events, and the community as a whole.

SCHOLARSHIP: You must maintain a minimum 3.50 GPA.

CHARACTER: This involves keeping a positive NHS attitude as observed by your fellow NHS members, NHS advisors, and all members of the school community.

If a member is found to be in violation of any of the four standards above, s/he risks being placed on probation/expulsion. The following list serves as a general guide to and in no way is meant to be final or exclusive

PROBATION: An NHS member may be placed on probation for the following reasons:

- Two unexcused absences from NHS meetings. (Refer to the By-Laws for information on excused/unexcused absences.) * Meetings are held Tuesday mornings in Room 208 @7 am weekly.
- The NHS member is not projecting a positive NHS attitude in school, at NHS meetings, or at school-sponsored events. This may be reported to NHS advisors by any member of the school community. Probationary period for this violation is up to the discretion of the advisor but will be for a period of no less than 30 days. Any subsequent violation during the probationary period may result in expulsion.
- The NHS member's GPA falls below a 3.50. If the member fails to bring his/her GPA up to a 3.50 within a time period no longer than one semester, his/her membership in NHS will be terminated.
- Any failure to meet an NHS deadline.
- Failure to meet the service and tutoring requirement prior to May 1st for seniors and June 1st for Juniors.

EXPULSION/ PROBATION: Any NHS member may have his/her membership placed on probation and/or terminated for any of the following reasons.

- A suspension from school.
- Cheating or plagiarism.
- Vandalism or hazing at school or in school- sponsored activities.
- GPA lower than 3.50 for more than one semester.
- Upon the 4th unexcused absence from an NHS meeting.
- Failure to meet the service requirements prior to June 1st or failure to participate in two NHS sponsored activities by March 30th.
- Any violation of NHS rules while on probation.

Your annual membership dues of **\$15.00 for first year members**, and **\$10.00 for continuing members** are due by **November, 2012**. These dues include local, state and national dues, along with your NHS t-shirt for first year members. Please make checks payable to Somersworth High School .

Regular NHS meetings are held weekly on Tuesday mornings before school in Room 208. Students may need to schedule additional meetings when chairing or working on a committee.

Please read and sign below, indicating your understanding and acceptance of these by-laws.

NHS Member Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date