

**St. John Vianney High School**  
**National Honor Society**  
**Cure d' Ars Chapter**  
**By Laws**  
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## **General Induction Requirements for NHS**

### **Academics**

Minimal GPA requirements is 3.8

### **Character:**

- 1) Students must be free of any disciplinary actions due to academics (cheating, plagiarism) conduct, suspension, probation, no more than 3 unexcused lateness, 3 dress code violations or actions taken because of ignoring school rules or policies.
- 2) Students must maintain the highest integrity within the classroom and school.

### **Service and Leadership**

Students must have demonstrated 6 examples of consistent service and an Ongoing commitment to SJV: 2 of these services may involve community service. Students must had demonstrated 2 examples of varied leadership with at least One being earned at St. John Vianney High School.

## **NHS Member Obligation to Academics**

All NHS members are required to maintain a overall grade point average of 3.8 or higher. Members who fall below this GPA will be placed on probation for one semester and will be expected to regain and maintain the minimum GPA. All NHS members including NHS officers will have a limit of one GPA eligibility probationary period. Any member who fails to achieve the minimum GPA following the probation period, or exceeds the number of allowed probationary periods will be required to resign their membership to the NHS.

All members are expected to uphold and maintain the highest expectations of academic integrity. Any instance of academic dishonesty such as cheating or plagiarism is grounds for immediate dismissal from the National Honor Society

## **NHS Member Obligation to Service**

Each NHS member will be required to actively participate in all scheduled and non-scheduled National Honor Society functions including tutoring, the Blood Drive, and induction ceremony proceedings. Tutoring occurs on a daily basis and members will be expected to tutor in their chosen academic area of expertise. NHS members will be expected to help set up and assist in the blood drive which is conducted twice per school year and the induction ceremony held once per year.

In addition to group participation in NHS functions, members will be expected to expedite and participate in an individual ongoing service project for St. John Vianny High School or upon, approval within the community. Community service if approved must amount to no less than 5 hours per week. All projects whether in house or in the community will need the approval of the Chapter Advisor and must be completed by April 30th of the school year.

## **NHS Member Obligation to Character**

All NHS members are expected to be a positive contributing member to St. John Vianney High School, their classes and the community. Members must consistently demonstrate a consistent pattern of honesty, academic integrity, of adhering to all school rules and policies. Members must remain free of negative disciplinary referrals due to academic dishonesty, conduct, suspension, probation or lateness and engage in no activities that are detrimental to himself or herself, the school or the community.

## **Meetings**

All NHS members are expected to attend all NHS meetings throughout the school year. General meetings on are convened on the first Wednesday of each month. Special meetings if necessary will be convened upon notice. If there is no school on the scheduled meeting day, the meeting will convene on the next scheduled school day.

Meeting attendance is mandatory. Failure to attend one meeting without a valid excuse within a year will result in a warning. Failure to attend two meetings without a valid excuse within a year will result in probation. Failure to attend three meetings without a valid excuse within a year will result in a request for the NHS member to resign their membership.

## **Election and Appointment of Chapter Officers**

Those students nominated for president and vice president must be a NHS member for at least one year. Students nominated for treasurer may be a recently inducted NHS member. Two NHS officers will be appointed as assistants to the president, vice president and treasurer by the chapter advisor. The elected officers would be a nominee receiving a majority of votes. All NHS members are required to take part in the voting process.

During the year, all officers are required to meet in the library for homeroom at 7:30am each school day to expedite daily tutoring and other NHS business. Officers are expected to be a role model to other NHS members and must maintain an impeccable disciplinary record as well as follow the rules and regulations of St. John Vianney High School.

## **Dismissal of Officers**

Officers will be allowed to resign their elected position if they are unable to meet their daily responsibilities for any reason. A replacement will be appointed by the chapter advisor for the remainder of the school year should the need present itself.

Officers will be dismissed from their position if they are consistently late to homeroom, have disciplinary problems, drop below the required NHS grade point average, violate school rules (such as dress code violations, lateness, etc.) or put on NHS probation for any reason.

## **Dues**

At the beginning of the school year, all NHS members will be required to pay an annual due of \$15.00. Dues are utilized for NHS functions and activities such as tutoring, the Blood Drive, Induction Ceremony and a donation to the Sisters of Charity. Unused funds received from dues at the end of the school year will automatically be applied to the general National Honor Society account. NHS dues are not refundable. Failure to pay dues will result first in a written warning and than NHS probation.

## **Scholarship Nomination for Seniors**

A nominating committee consisting of three National Honor Society members, a faculty member and the Chapter Advisor will choose those seniors who demonstrate outstanding qualities of service, leadership and

character. The committee will select two nominees. Each nominee will complete the Scholarship Selection Questionnaire and write a brief statement on the topic assigned by the Scholarship Board. The nominee will also be responsible for obtaining all necessary documentation including teacher recommendations.

## **Dismissal Policy**

A National Honor Society member is not automatically dismissed for failing to maintain standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. However, members who fall below those standards which were on the basis of their selection, will be given a written warning by the chapter advisor. It is the obligation of all NHS members to maintain a minimum 3.8 GPA; avoid disciplinary referrals; and adhere to the By-Laws of the National Honor Society.

### **Section One**

The following violations within the school year will result in immediate review and NHS member probation. After receiving a warning, the student will be given one term for improvement. Student's progress will then be reviewed to verify this improvement.

An NHS member receiving a semester grade below a 3.8 in any subject

Dress code violations and lateness to school: first violation: NHS member will receive a written warning from the chapter advisor; second violation: NHS member will be put on probation; third violation: NHS member will be asked to resign their membership.

Missing three NHS meetings with no valid excuse

### **Section Two**

The following violations, on or off school grounds, may result in immediate expulsion from the National Honor Society:

One receives a failing grade in any one subject for a marking period

One commits a major infraction of school rules or civil laws including  
Fighting

Vandalism

Drug or alcohol use

A student with any behavioral violation, resulting in an in-school suspension

Any act construed as academic dishonesty (such as cheating on a test, plagiarism, copying work from another student and passing it off as your own, unauthorized collaborative work etc...)

### **Section Three**

Senior students enrolled in the National Honor Society must maintain the above standards and are expected to fulfill their NHS obligations up to and including the day of graduation.

A senior placed on probation or violating the above standards during their final term may not be recognized at graduation and may not be allowed the NHS sash.

Regardless of marking period, senior students who are members of the NHS may be required to resign their membership if the standards outlined in sections one and two are not adhered to.

## **Section Four**

The chapter advisor will review all NHS members academic and disciplinary adherence to NHS standards. Members who do not maintain minimum requirements will be informed and placed on probation. They will have one term to meet probation requirements. Members will be allowed no more than one probationary period. If they fall below this standard, they will be required to resign their membership.

A member dismissed from the National Honor Society will receive a written notice as well as their parents and the school principal. They may never be eligible for reinduction to the National Honor Society.

## **Section Five**

Members will be allowed to appeal any decision deemed unfair within 48 hours. An appeal committee consisting of three teachers and two students will review appeal cases.

## **Provisions for Amending the By-Laws**

The By-Law Review Committee, composed of at least two NHS members with at least two years NHS experience will review the by laws on a yearly basis. NHS members are offered the opportunity to provide suggestions for revising and amending the by-laws.