

CAMDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
National Honor Society of Secondary Schools (NHS) Student Member Code of Conduct
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The main purpose of the school is academic achievement. The purpose of National Honor Society is “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” (NHS Constitution, Article I Section 2). Special recognition is given to those students who have distinguished themselves in character, scholarship, leadership, and service by being selected as members of the National Honor Society, one of the highest honors that can be paid to a high school student.

Members are chosen by a committee of faculty, guidance counselors, and administrators within the limitations of the national guidelines and the school adopted qualifying procedures. The induction process is normally conducted during the fall and early winter. All students in grades 11 and 12 whose cumulative (total collected) average is 90% or higher are eligible to be considered. Faculty recommendations, grade point averages, and the extent of school and community service and extracurricular activity are all weighted in the final selection process.

Once selected for membership, active members are expected to ***maintain*** the ***high standards*** on which their selection was based. Members must meet the requirements explained below on an ***ongoing basis***. Failure to meet the standards will be grounds for a faculty council review and possible dismissal from the National Honor Society. Status letters at the close of each marking period from Induction to graduation or dismissal will serve as official warnings to those falling below the CHS National Honor Society standards.

The four tenets of National Honor Society, character, scholarship, leadership, and service, will be addressed by the local chapter in the following manner:

1. Scholarship

- Members must maintain an **overall average of 85% each marking period.**
- GPA standings will be reviewed at the end of **each marking period.** Any member whose average falls below 85% will first receive a letter of warning / status letter.
- If following the warning, the member’s average is not 85% by the end of the next marking period, faculty council review will be conducted to discuss possible remedies, and parents/guardians will be notified (mail, email, or phone).
- If, by the end of the next, **or any subsequent,** marking period, the member’s average is still below 85%, the member will be subject to dismissal from the National Honor Society and all privileges will be revoked. Parents will again be notified of these actions.

2. Service

- Members should serve as role models in giving back to their school and communities.
- Each National Honor Society chapter is mandated by the national organization to conduct a large service project every year. As a result, each member of the Camden High NHS chapter is **mandated** to participate in our chapter’s primary community service project.
- Members must fulfill specified hours of community or school service each year, and will provide a note signed by the supervisor of that service to the chapter advisor(s) immediately upon completion.
- Students inducted as Juniors must complete **12 total hours of service during their membership by May 1st of their graduation year.**
- Students inducted as Seniors must complete **6 total hours of service during their membership by May 1st of their graduation year.**
- As positive reinforcement for **exceptional service**, the membership would like to offer an exceptional service award to student(s) who volunteer **over 60 hours** of community/school service during their membership in National Honor Society.

- **Members who have not submitted appropriate documentation by May 1st, will receive a letter of warning and allowed one week to fulfill this service requirement.** Not doing so will result in a faculty council review and possible dismissal from National Honor Society prior to graduation.

3. 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.”
(National Honor Society Membership)
- If a NHS student is voted into an office and is subsequently found guilty of a violation of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in social probation, he or she will be **removed from office**, and an election will take place to install someone new to the position.

4. 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.”
(National Honor Society Membership)
- Members are expected to take part in **all meetings and activities of the Camden Central Chapter**, and will notify the advisor(s), in advance, when participation is not possible. Excessive absences (unexcused or otherwise) on the part of any member (40% or more) will be promptly brought to the member’s attention, and if no improvement is apparent, a letter of warning will follow, and will be grounds for faculty council review and possible dismissal. ****Being out of the building during the school day for academic programs and/or after-school employment are not considered valid excuses to regularly miss meetings, when given sufficient notice. Every member is expected to be an active member, and this may only be accomplished through regular attendance at meetings.***
- Receiving disciplinary referrals is not considered appropriate for National Honor Society Members. If a student receives a referral, a letter of warning will be issued. **A subsequent referral may result in a faculty council review. This also includes any disciplinary measures incurred due to a violation of the athletic policy!**
- Should a member be found guilty of more than two violations of the Student Code of Conduct, or fall below the NHS standards three (3) times (as per the status letters) during their time as an NHS member, a faculty council review will be held and ***dismissal from National Honor Society may result.*** Parents/guardians will be notified of this action.
- Should a member be found in gross violation of the NHS standards, be in violation of the school rules, be in violation of the athletic policy, or be charged with an illegal or grossly immoral act, the faculty council will convene, and ***dismissal from National Honor Society could result.*** Parents/guardians will be notified.

NOTE: Convening of the Faculty Council for possible discipline, suspension, probation, or dismissal will be regarded as a “hearing” and a part of “due process.”

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