



**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**  
**Guidelines & Club Expectations for Membership**  
**2021 – 2022**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As part of your selected membership and induction to the Centennial High School chapter of NHS you are expected to meet the guidelines and expectations outlined below. NHS membership allows our students to showcase not only their academic achievements, but signifies your growth in other areas as well and is meant to “stretch” you from your comfort zone. NHS has four pillars that are a part of the credo that all members must adhere to. You will be asked to sign at the bottom, indicating your understanding and acceptance of these guidelines and expectations as part of your membership.

**Scholarship:** Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning. A student is willing to spend the necessary time to cultivate his/ her mind in the quest for knowledge. This pillar can only be achieved through diligence and effort. Scholarship means always doing the best work possible, regardless of impending reward.

- As a member, you are expected to maintain a 3.7 CRI (class rank index which determines class rank). This is calculated at the end of each semester. You are encouraged to maintain A’s and B’s in your coursework.
- Members must pay a yearly club fee in the amount of \$25, due no later than the first general meeting of the academic school year.

**Service:** The pillar of service can be reached in a variety of ways. The willingness to work for the benefit of those in need without compensation or recognition of any kind is a quality that is essential in NHS members. As a service club, the National Honor Society is highly concerned with giving its all to the school and community at large.

As part of your membership in the coming year, you must complete the following:

- A minimum of **30 community service** hours must be completed and documented per school year.
- Members may complete both NHS group (known as “club events”) led service or individual/personal hours as part of the 30 hour commitment (note: up to 10 hours per activity allowed; ex. 10 hours at the food bank, 10 hours at the dog shelter, etc.).
  - 5 of the required 30 required hours can be completed in the summer prior to the start of the school year. Hours may include opportunities outside of the club which you may already have a commitment from a non-profit organization. Individual hours must be documented with the appropriate form and are required to be signed by a supervisor (and cannot be a relative). If you have questions about whether the hours you are completing fall into this category, please ask your officer lead.
- A minimum participation in **8 club events** throughout the school year.
  - Club events are any events proposed and approved by club officers and where a lead officer and sponsor are present at an event.
  - If a club event is reoccurring, members may only count the first participation as a club event. Any subsequent commitment counts toward the remaining service hour requirement. Club events that are reoccurring are: football clean-up, veterans’ memorial clean-up, recycling pick-up, shred-a-thon, and blankets for buddies, or as otherwise indicated.
- Members are mandated to complete the sign-in/out sheets that the officer in charge of the club event brings to complete documentation.
- Some opportunities will exist throughout the year for you to donate materials/food, etc. in lieu of service hours – this can count for no more than 5 of your total hours per semester.
- If you sign up for an event, you *must* show up.
  - If you have to cancel your commitment, please do so two days prior to the event by contacting an officer. If you are able to find a replacement, you are encouraged to do so.
  - There may be a penalty for missing an event if you do not contact officers to let them know you cannot make it.
- Members are required to use the appropriate documentation made available to them through the NHS website: [www.peoriaunified.org/CeHSNHS](http://www.peoriaunified.org/CeHSNHS)

- Members are responsible for tracking their hours through the NHS website and making sure documentation is received. If you have any questions or concerns, you must first address them with your officer lead you are assigned to and then with the sponsors. You are encouraged to obtain 15 hours and 4 club events by mid-year, which will encourage your successful completion of the requirements outlined here.
- Seniors must complete hour and club event requirements by Friday, April 29, 2022
- Juniors must complete hour and club event requirements by Friday, May 6, 2022

**Leadership:** Leaders take the initiative to aid others in a wholesome manner throughout their daily activities. Leaders sacrifice their personal interests in order to yield to the needs of others. Leaders need wisdom and self-confidence to affect change in all aspects of their lives. 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.

- As part of the leadership expectation, every member will serve as an upperclassman supporter through the Coyote Connection program, if officers can coordinate. As a requirement to remain in good standing of the club, each member will be assigned a small group of freshman students and will be responsible to meet with these students once a month, document these meetings, and make personalized connections with freshman students. These can take place at school before school, at lunch, after school, or away from school depending on what works best for the member.
- Members are required to participate in the monthly general member meetings, which take place on the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held at 6:45 am – 7:15 am in room 500. The general meetings are where detailed opportunities for club events are shared as well as information about the club and commitments completed. It is mandatory for members to complete the sign-in sheet at the start of the meeting to be accounted for. Attendance is mandatory.
- Community service hours will not be accepted when participating in other club/class if mandated by these clubs/class.
- Members are encouraged to bring opportunities to work in cooperation with other clubs on campus to the benefit of all members.

**Character:** Character is what distinguishes one individual from another. It is the product of constant striving to make the right choices day after day. Students with good character demonstrate respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship in all of their actions.

- Members should consider what/how they post to social media. As a member, you represent not only yourself but our club, campus and community at large. Anything you post, while the intentions may be private, are not considered as such. If you are found to demonstrate a lack of character, there may be consequences for your actions which could include your membership being revoked from the club.
- Members are expected to communicate actively and effectively using the means established by the officers of the club through Remind, email, text messaging, or as shared (Facebook/Twitter, etc.). Please respond in-kind if your lead officer or a club sponsor communicates with you.
- NHS members are encouraged to read the “National Honor Society Constitution” on the website to be familiar with the rules/bylaws of the club.
- As a member in good standing who completes the 8 club events, 30 hours, and all Coyote Connections, seniors are recognized at graduation by wearing an NHS collar (or stole) which signifies you’ve met the community service, membership requirements, and as a student who embodies the pillars that NHS holds to be true.
- In order to wear a collar at graduation, seniors *must* fulfill all of these requirements by the date established. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. Members eligible to wear collars will be cleared to purchase their own collars prior to the graduation ceremony. If a collar is purchased but requirements are not met, there will be no refunds.

**Signatures below indicate acceptance of these guidelines and expectations for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Members unable to fulfill their commitments may receive such consequences as probation, additional requirements added due to absences at member meetings, or dismissal from the club.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_