

Bylaws for the Lamar Hendrickson Chapter of the National Honor Society

I. Selection and Induction

- A. Candidates shall have spent at least a full semester at HHS prior to their selection and must be members of the junior or senior classes with a minimum cumulative weighted grade point average of a 3.7. Prospective candidates must complete and return a student activity information sheet by the posted deadline in October to be eligible for further consideration.
- B. Academically qualified candidates shall be evaluated in the areas of service, leadership, and character in the fall. Prospective members must have at least 25 hours of community service and participate in a UIL or extracurricular activity that brings honor to Hendrickson High School. The selection of each member of the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Advisory Council. The FAC consists of five faculty members appointed on a rotating basis by the principal to select membership, set policy, review bylaws, rule on appeals, and dismiss members.
- C. Final admission to membership shall be by ritualistic public induction in the fall. Members in good standing shall be eligible to be recognized at commencement by wearing the National Honor Society stole and special mention in the program.
- D. Membership is not based on race, gender, or social/economic factors.
- E. A student will not be considered for or maintained in NHS if he/she has major discipline infraction(s) during the high school years, including but not limited to truancy, endangering others, cheating on school work, flagrant violation(s) of school or civil laws, or ISS assignment.

II. Membership Responsibilities

- A. Regular attendance at meetings and induction is required.
- B. Monthly meetings are held both before and after school on the first Thursday of the month in the PAC. Attendance is mandatory. A meeting schedule is available on the NHS website and reminders will be sent on Remind 101. Members are responsible for knowing when the meetings are and to make them a priority.
- C. (In accordance with the bylaws) Failure to attend meetings and induction without prior approval from the Advisor(s) may result in probation or dismissal from a chapter. For each unexcused absence students will be required to complete an additional two hours of volunteer service. In particular, when a student incurs his/her first unexcused absence from a chapter meeting, he/she will be issued a warning note. After the second unexcused absence, the student will be issued a warning note from NHS. After the third unexcused absence, the student will be issued a probation notice from NHS. Members seeking an excuse from a meeting must submit their request in writing to the Advisor(s) at least one day in advance of the scheduled meeting. Clarification of absences:
 - i. Excused
 - 1. Written notice to Advisor one day in advance of legitimate school absence
 - 2. A written note provided the day student returns from unplanned illness (following school guidelines)
 - 3. Sponsored excused extracurricular activity
 - ii. Unexcused
 - 1. Jobs
 - 2. Failure to notify Advisor in writing one day in advance
- D. Students must maintain a 3.7 cumulative weighted grade point average.
- E. The FAC has determined that only one period of probation will be permitted for academic improvement during a student's membership in the Hendrickson Chapter of NHS. When a student's average falls below the required 3.7, he/she will be warned in writing and placed on probation for a semester. If the student's GPA falls below 3.7 in any other grading period, the student will be dismissed and must return the certificate and pin and may not regain membership in the future.
- F. Each member will report eight hours of approved and verified individual service and two hours of a group service project per semester. A representative or coordinator of the volunteer activity must sign a statement verifying participation.
- G. Each member will provide verification of preparation and participation in an UIL-sanctioned event or other regional competition each year.
- H. Each member must pay a one-time fee of 25 dollars by the end of the fall semester. Failure to pay dues will result in the student being added on the Hendrickson High School fine list, which may prevent the student from graduating.