



**Desoto Central High School
National Honor Society
Requirements and Guidelines**



I. Requirements

- Membership is open to juniors and seniors who have been enrolled at DCHS for at least one full semester and have a 95 or higher cumulative grade point average (not rounded).
- Members must also meet the discipline, service, and meeting requirements outlined below.
- New members must pay a one-time membership fee that goes towards paying for the induction certificate, NHS stole worn at graduation, and paying our school's national NHS dues.
- Seniors who graduate early are not eligible to wear the stole at graduation due to the third term not being included in the overall numerical average.

II. Academic Requirements

- Members of the DCHS NHS must maintain a 95 cumulative grade point average (NGA), not rounded.
- If a member fails to maintain a 95 cumulative grade point average (NGA), *not rounded*, at the end of a semester, they will be permanently dismissed from NHS.

III. Service Requirements

- Members must be ready, willing, and able to commit time fulfilling community service projects.
- Current members & Newly inducted members must complete a minimum of three service projects per school quarter, completing nine projects for the school year. Newly-inducted members will not be required to complete projects during the first quarter and current senior members will not be required to complete projects during the fourth quarter. Newly inducted seniors must complete 3 terms of service projects (total of 9 service projects) in order to receive their stole.
- Service projects must follow all guidelines for acceptable service projects, must be documented correctly and completely on the form provided, and must be turned into a NHS sponsor on time.
- NHS sponsors are not responsible for projects not turned into the appropriate location.
- Completing extra service projects each quarter DO NOT carry over to the next quarter.
- Members may not duplicate service projects in quarter.
- Only one service project per quarter can be a monetary donation.
- ANY service project not listed on the website **MUST** have **PRIOR APPROVAL** by turning in the pre-approval form 72 hours prior to the project. The sponsors will determine the approval of the proposed project.
- Any member that signs up for a project and fails to notify sponsors they cannot make the project 24 hours prior to the project must complete an extra project for that term.

IV. Disciplinary Requirements

- Members **CANNOT** have any disciplinary referrals that result in disciplinary action while in high school. The Code of Discipline is listed in the DCHS Student Handbook.
- Members must demonstrate characteristics and qualities that are highlighted by the pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

V. Meeting Requirements

- Meetings are the last Tuesday of every month with November being an exception. Meetings are in the PAC starting at 8 am.
- No meetings will be held in December or May.
- Meeting reminders will be sent through Remind.
- Members are required to attend all meetings and be on time.
- Members may only miss one meeting per semester.
- If a member fails to sign in to a meeting, he will be charged with an absence. The responsibility for signing in belongs to the member, not the officers or sponsors.
- ***Absences pertaining to school related functions or educational functions will be excused. Members must inform sponsors prior to the meeting of the absence. Members must see a sponsor to get all the information needed.***

VI. Officer Requirements

- Officers are required to attend all member and officer meetings. Officers may not miss more than one officer meeting per semester. Any officer who misses more than one officer meeting will be dismissed as an NHS officer.
- Officers will also be asked to commit extra time, as needed, at the request of the sponsors or administration.
- Officers **CANNOT** have any disciplinary referrals that result in disciplinary action. The Code of Discipline is listed in the DCHS Student Handbook.

VII. Club-sponsored service projects

- Club sponsored service projects will take place at least once each nine weeks. Members will be given sufficient notice and will be expected to plan accordingly.
- Service projects that are completed for other organizations on campus or in the community may not be counted as NHS projects.

VIII. Dismissal from NHS

- **Academically:**
 - Any member that fails to maintain a 95 cumulative grade point average (NGA), not rounded, will be dismissed from NHS.
 - Additionally, a member will be dismissed from NHS for any course in which the member receives a final average below a 70, regardless of his or her NGA.
- **Service:** Any member that fails to complete the required service projects per quarter will be dismissed from NHS.
- **Discipline:** Any member that receives ANY disciplinary action for a discipline referral will be permanently dismissed from NHS.
- **Meeting Attendance:** Any member who misses more than one meeting in a semester will be permanently dismissed from NHS.