Criteria for National Honor Society Membership

National Honor Society Criteria Points

There are ten possible criteria points for membership in the Cheltenham National Honor Society. In order to gain membership to the NHS, students must earn *at least* **eight** of the ten points. There are four categories in which points may be earned: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. In order to become an NHS member, students must demonstrate strength in each of these categories. Points must be distributed as follows:

- *at least* 3 points for Scholarship
- *at least* 1 point for Leadership
- *at least* 1 point for Service
- *the full* 1 point for Character

NOTE - The above list adds up to **six** points. It represents a *minimum* of points needed for each category. A student must earn *at least* two more points in addition to these distribution requirements. These points may be earned in the categories of Scholarship, Leadership and Service.

Additional Criteria

In addition to these criteria, in order to be accepted the applicant must have:

- *Signed the ethical pledge (fill in his/her name under the ethical pledge on the online application)*
- *Completed two semesters at CHS or the equivalent at another school*
- *Zero Suspensions and/or Saturday Schools (There will be a process by which students may appeal Suspensions and/or Saturday Schools to the Faculty Council.)*
- *No involvement with incidents of alcohol, drugs or weapons on school property or at school functions*
- *Zero occasions of Academic Dishonesty. "Academic Dishonesty" includes cheating, copying, plagiarism, giving your work to someone else to copy, etc.*

Maintaining Membership

After being accepted to the NHS, members must meet the following requirements in order to maintain their membership:

- *Members must maintain an unweighted GPA of at least 3.4*
- *Members must complete at least 10 hours of community service per semester*
- *Members must participate in NHS chapter meetings and activities. Conflicts must be cleared with the Chapter Advisor BEFORE the date of the event.*
- *Members are required to participate in the NHS tutoring program*
- *Members must refrain from any kind of academic dishonesty, and must maintain a suspension-free discipline record. Suspensions or incidents of academic dishonesty will result in a hearing before the Faculty Council, and may ultimately result in dismissal from the NHS.*

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NHS Point System

Scholarship Total possible points: **5**

GPA Requirements

3.40 – 3.59 = 3 points
3.60 – 3.84 = 4 points
3.85 – 4.0 = 5 points

Leadership Total possible points: **2**

To demonstrate leadership, students must be active members in at least 2 clubs, activities and/or sports either at school or in the community. At least one of these must be a school activity.

20-39 hours per year	1 point
40 + hours per year	2 points
Elected leader	1 point

*The club sponsor will have to complete the NHS Sponsor application form. Only hours outside the normal school day can be counted.

Service Total possible points: **2**

20-39 hours per year	1 point
40 + hours per year	2 points

Service points may be earned any time since January 1, 2026. The Service Form should describe the student's service and approximate the number of hours of service the applicant has done. The sponsor will have to complete the NHS Sponsor application form.

Character Total possible points: **1**

A CHS staff member must testify to the student's character. There is a Character Form for the staff member to complete.

AND

An adult member of the community who is not related to the student and is not a CHS employee must write a letter testifying to his/her character.

AND

The student must sign the NHS Ethical Pledge.

Ethical Pledge

I promise to uphold the highest standards of academic and moral integrity both in and out of school.

I will continue to contribute my time and energy to serving the school and township community.