

National Honor Society Frequently Asked Questions

- **What do I need to do to get invited to NHS?**
 - Juniors who finish the first semester of the 2022-2023 academic year with a cumulative GPA of 92.00 or higher will receive an invitation letter. This is based off of a student's mid-year report, generated through PowerSchool. Please note that this mid-year report only includes junior courses completed at the end of the first semester.
- **What if I do not have a cumulative GPA of a 92.00 by this date during junior year but then have it by this date during senior year?**
 - If students do not have a cumulative 92.00 GPA at the of the end of the first semester of their junior year, but their GPA rises to a 92.00 or better by the same deadline their senior year, then they will receive an invitation letter at that time.
- **What forms do I need to fill out?**
 - There will be a meeting in February for all invited students. This is when students will receive the official NHS documents that need to be filled out.
 - In the years prior to this point, underclassmen should log their hours and service contact information in whatever forms they wish. All of this information will need to be transferred to the official NHS forms once the students receive them at the invitation meeting.

- **What type of hours do I need at the end of the first semester of my junior year in order to be eligible? Highlights are for 202**

NHS Pillar	Requirement	Significant Role	Minimum # of roles	Additional Info	Documentation
Service	100 total service hours 2022-23 60 total service hours	One service role needs to be at least 40 cumulative hours 2022-23 25 hours	At least 2 service activities: 1 in school 1 in community	No single role less than 5 cumulative hours will be considered. You cannot get paid for a service activity	Forms will be provided once the student is invited either junior or senior year
Leadership	50 total leadership hours 2022-23 25 total leadership hours	One leadership role needs to be at least 20 cumulative hours 2022-23 10 hours	At least 2 leadership activities: 1 in school 1 in community	No single role less than 5 cumulative hours will be considered. You can get paid for a leadership activity.	Forms will be provided once the student is invited either junior or senior year

- **What is the difference between a Significant role and a Regular role?**
 - Students need to do one Significant role for both Service and Leadership that has a large amount of total hours. For Service there has to be one role that totals to at least 40 hours (2021-22 25 hours). For leadership there needs to be one role that totals to at least 20 hours (2021-22 10 hours). It is okay if you have more than 1 role for both service and leadership that are at least this many hours. It is also okay if you have way more than this number of hours for an activity. There is no maximum, there is only a minimum. The rest of your activities need to total to at least 5 cumulative hours, and do not all need to take place as 5 hours in a row.
- **Is there a maximum number of activities you can do for Service or Leadership?**

- No. You can do as many activities as you would like, as long as they each total to at least 5 cumulative hours.
- **When can I start collecting hours?**
 - Hours may be collected from the first day of high school until the start of the second marking period in the year in which a student applies for admission.
- **What is the difference between Service and Leadership?**
 - **Service**
 - Service incorporates those actions undertaken by a student which are done with or on behalf of others above self-interest (not including family). It should be an activity that helps benefit others.
 - School Service: This can be at BTHS or your home high school
 - Community Service: Service done outside of school.
 - You can not get paid
 - Can not be completed for a grade
 - Can not be signed by relatives
 - Can not be done at a family business
 - **Leadership**
 - You can get paid
 - School Leadership: This can be BTHS or your home high school
 - Community Leadership: Does not take place at BTHS or your home high school.
 - A leader is defined as someone who organizes and motivates others to achieve a common goal. This should include exhibiting managerial qualities, such as: taking initiative, delegating tasks, and empowering others.
 - Leadership activities include only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating a group others.
- **Can I split hours from one activity to count as service and leadership?**
 - Yes. If you have an activity where some of it can be considered leadership, and the rest can be considered service, then you can split the hours. You cannot double count the hours, but need to split them up based on what hours were spent doing service and what hours were spent doing leadership. For example, if you volunteer at a hospital this would be considered service, but then if you help organize and run a special event at the hospital you can count the time you spent doing that as a leadership. Another example can be related to being on a sports team. You can count the games as service, but if you then become a captain you can count those hours as leadership.
- **Does peer tutoring count as leadership?**
 - Leadership needs to be helping to lead and direct others toward a common goal. If you are tutoring a group of others, and taking time to plan and execute the activities, that can then be considered leadership.
- **I am participating in the Biotech Big Brother Big Sisters Program, how can I count this?**
 - Being a mentor through our Big Brother Big Sisters Program at Freehold Intermediate School can be counted as an in-school service activity. Mentoring younger students on a 1 to 1 level as a Big Brother or Sister does not constitute leadership, as by definition a leader influences a group of people towards a common goal. As with many other service roles, there may be opportunities for Big Brothers or Sisters to take on leadership opportunities, such as planning activities for Littles to participate in.

- **Can I have a more detailed explanation of service?**

- *Definition:* Service incorporates those actions undertaken by a student which are done with or on behalf of others above self-interest. To demonstrate service, a student will:
 - 1. give time, effort and talents for the class, school, or community;
 - 2. volunteer and provide dependable and well-organized assistance to others;
 - 3. work well with others and be willing to take on difficult responsibilities.

- **Can I have a more detailed explanation of leadership?**

- *Definition:* A leader organizes and motivates others to achieve a common goal. To demonstrate leadership, a student will:
 - 1. demonstrate respect, responsibility, initiative and self-motivation;
 - 2. demonstrate attitudes and behaviors that are supportive of others' goals and needs in school or community;
 - 3. contribute ideas and looks for innovative ways to improve civic life;
 - 4. exhibit managerial qualities such as delegating tasks, running effective meetings and empowering others.

- **What hours count as what?**

<u>Service</u> <i>School</i>	<u>Service</u> <i>Community</i>	<u>Leadership</u> <i>School</i>	<u>Leadership</u> <i>Community</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports games for your home high school (practices do not count) ● Helping out at a school event ● Peer tutoring ● Summer camps @ BTHS (Biotech Boot Camp, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports games for a club team (practices do not count) ● Volunteering at an organization ● Helping out at a community event ● First aid squad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Officer position in a school club ● Captain of a sport team or club at your home high school ● Leadership role @ Biotech Boot Camp (Prep leader, teacher, lab coordinator) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Caption of a club sport team ● Camp counselor ● Leadership role/position at a job (e.g. work area manager) ● Being the head/organizer of an activity for an organization (e.g. food drive, clothing drive for Salvation Army, organizer of volunteer workers at Food Bank, etc.) ● Dance instructor, Karate teacher, etc. ● Religious School Teacher ● Head of a research team ● Leader of some type of project/event