



Whitewater High School National Honor Society™

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National Honor Society Obligations of Membership & Honor Cords 2025-2026

Membership in the National Honor Society is both an **honor** and a **responsibility**. It is the public recognition of accomplishment and the private commitment to continued excellence on the part of the new member. Students selected for membership are expected to demonstrate outstanding qualities of **leadership, character, scholarship and service** throughout the year. They also must assume certain obligations, which must be fulfilled according to the chapter guidelines.

The national constitution defines several obligations for members. First, all members are to **maintain the standards** by which they were selected. In addition, the constitution expects members to **attend meetings** and to **perform both individual and chapter service projects during the year**. Members must notify the advisor if they will be absent from a meeting or project promptly and must find a replacement if a conflict occurs with participation in a project. Students who have two unexcused absences from NHS meetings must submit a record of service form with five additional hours of service to the community and a letter to the NHS Faculty Council explaining why they wish to remain a member. Dismissal procedures will be activated for any members who have three unexcused absences from NHS meetings. Dismissal procedures will also be activated for any member who does not participate in at least one NHS service project each quarter.

National Honor Society members are expected to **display exemplary behavior** throughout their membership in the organization. For this reason, members of NHS adhere to a stricter code than students in other co-curricular activities. Please sign the Whitewater High School **NHS Code of Conduct** and return it to Ms. Cunningham by **Wednesday, October 22**. Disciplinary and/or dismissal procedures will be activated for any member of the National Honor Society who is found to violate the Whitewater High School Activity Code or receives a code violation warning.

Throughout the school year, there will be numerous opportunities for National Honor Society members to demonstrate their qualities of **leadership, character, scholarship & service** while serving as **positive role models** for the WHS student body. National Honor Society members have a profound influence on building a sense of school spirit and a healthy climate for everyone at WHS.

Senior members who have fulfilled their obligations & are in good standing with the National Honor Society will be awarded **blue & gold honor cords**, which they can proudly wear during the graduation ceremony.

Students must participate in the Induction Ceremony to become members.

National Honor Society Code of Conduct 2025-2026 School Year

This Code of Conduct was established by the Faculty Council at Whitewater High School to clarify expectations for students who have been inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS). Membership in **NHS** is both an **honor** and a **responsibility**. It is the **public recognition of accomplishment** and the **private commitment to continued excellence** on the part of the new member. Students selected for membership are expected to demonstrate **exemplary behavior** and **outstanding qualities** of **scholarship, service, leadership, and character** throughout the year. For this reason, members of NHS must adhere to a **stricter code of conduct** than students in other activities.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." Gandhi

Disciplinary and Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal procedures are activated for any member of the National Honor Society who violates the WHS Activity Code. Disciplinary and/or dismissal procedures are activated for any member of the National Honor Society who receives a code violation warning, encounters other disciplinary situations, and/or falls below the standards for membership.

A member will be subject to a **disciplinary warning** or **dismissal** for the following NHS violations:

Scholarship: Cumulative Grade Point Average Falling Below 3.5. Students are given one semester to bring their cumulative GPA back up to 3.5 or be subject to dismissal.

Leadership: Exhibiting Leadership Unbecoming of a National Honor Society Member.

Character: Exhibiting Character Unbecoming of a National Honor Society Member.

Service: Failing to Participate in National Honor Society Monthly Meetings and the Minimum Number of Individual or Group Projects Required to Maintain Membership. **Members are required to attend all meetings and participate in NHS service projects.** Students must notify Ms. Cunningham if they will be absent from a meeting or a project promptly & must find a replacement if they will be absent from a project. Students who have **two unexcused absences** from NHS meetings must submit a record of service form with five additional hours of service to the community and a letter to the NHS Faculty Council explaining why they wish to remain a member. Dismissal procedures will be activated for any members who have **three unexcused absences** from NHS meetings. Dismissal procedures will be activated for any member who does not participate in at least one NHS service project each quarter.

If the Faculty Council determines that a dismissal may be warranted, the NHS Advisor will notify the member in writing of the action being contemplated, the reason for the action, and the date and time of a **pre-dismissal hearing**. At the hearing, the member is allowed to present his or her case in accordance with due process procedures.

Positive Leadership

Throughout the year, National Honor Society members serve as **role models** for all students in Whitewater and have a profound influence on others. **Positive leadership and decision-making** build a **healthy school climate** and a sense of **pride** and **school spirit** for everyone.

Personal Commitment to Excellence

I have read and understand the obligations for membership in the National Honor Society and understand the reason for a stricter code of conduct. As a member of NHS, I agree to maintain high standards of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

NHS Member's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

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