

SusQ-Cyber Charter School National Honor Society Chapter



“The purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of” SusQ-Cyber Charter School, as taken from the National Honor Society Handbook, 17th edition.

This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the NHS National Constitution. See www.nhs.us/constitutions. Our chapter of NHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, or disability.

The SusQ-Cyber Charter School principal shall have the final authority over the NHS chapter. The principal shall approve all decisions made by the faculty committee. The SusQ-Cyber Charter School principal shall appoint one adviser to meet with and oversee the National Honor Society (NHS) chapter members.

Membership: Membership in this chapter is an honor and is based on demonstration of outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service.

1. Candidates must be members of the sophomore, junior or senior class.
2. To be eligible for selection the candidate must be enrolled for a minimum of one full semester at SusQ-Cyber Charter School.
3. Upon meeting the grade point average (GPA) requirement, candidates will be considered on the other standards of Leadership, Service and Character.
4. An NHS member who transfers to or from another school is eligible to be accepted into membership at the new school. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards.

Selection of Members:

1. Students must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of 87% or greater at the completion of their freshman, sophomore, or junior year, or at the end of semester one of their sophomore, junior or senior year. All subjects included on the high school transcript will be used to compute the cumulative GPA, including high school courses that a student takes while enrolled in the middle school and dual enrollment courses taken through colleges or universities.
2. Students must have at least one teacher recommendation and at least one recommendation from a community member that is not a relative. These recommendations must speak to the student's character and focus the student's demonstrations of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

3. Students must have held or are currently holding a minimum of two leadership positions either in school or in the community. One position should be school related and one position should be community related.
4. Students must have completed a minimum of 10 hours of service to the community from the beginning of his or her high school career.
5. Students must complete an essay addressing one of the four criteria of the National Honor Society of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.
6. In addition to the candidates' forms, the faculty committee will review candidates' academic records for selection for membership.
7. Candidates become members after participation in the induction ceremony.

Obligations of Members: Members must meet the following criteria to retain membership:

1. Members of the SusQ-Cyber Charter School NHS chapter must maintain a cumulative GPA of 87% or higher per each quarter of membership. GPA will be checked quarterly.
2. Members are required to behave in accordance with the standards of the National Honor Society.
3. Members are required to participate in the annual chapter service project and to complete a minimum of 10 individual service hours annually in addition to the chapter service project.
4. Members will pay \$10 dues annually. Dues will be paid within 30 days of induction, and annually within the first 30 days of the subsequent school years.
5. Members in good standing are granted the privilege to wear the NHS emblem.

Officers: Student member positions will include President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Public Relations and chapter member.

- President - The president will preside at the chapter meetings and serve as the official representative of the chapter at school and community functions.
 - Vice-President - The vice-president will preside in the absence of the president and shall keep a record of members' contributions to leadership and service.
 - Secretary/Treasurer - The secretary/treasurer will keep the minutes and attendance records for meetings, be responsible for all official correspondence and keep the record of business expenses, dues and all other financial transactions of the chapter.
 - Public Relations - The public relations officer will publicize all activities of the chapter including inductions of new members and chapter and individual service projects using both newspapers and social media.
1. A student must be a member for at least two semesters before being eligible to hold an office.
 2. The faculty adviser will ask for nominations officer positions beginning with President. Once nominations are received, chapter members will vote on the candidates by majority vote using a secret ballot until the officer positions are filled. Officers will be elected annually in the spring semester for the following school year.
 3. In the event an officer fails to fulfill the duties of that assigned office, may be voted out of office by the faculty committee. In the event an officer position becomes vacant during the school year, the NHS adviser will call a meeting of the NHS members for nominations for the vacancy.

Meetings: The adviser will meet monthly with the NHS chapter officers and at least annually with the NHS members.

Activities: The NHS chapter will participate annually in a chapter wide service project to be determined by the members. The service project must fulfill a need within the school or community and have the support of the school administration and faculty. NHS chapter members will be required to complete 10 hours annually of service to the community of their choosing. The NHS members will determine other NHS chapter activities.

Discipline and Dismissal: Members must continue to meet the induction criteria of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character or risk dismissal from the chapter.

- Upon the first failure to maintain a GPA of 87%, the member will be placed on probation and notified by phone call and by mail by the chapter adviser. Members will have one quarter to bring the GPA back up above 87%. A second failure to fulfill this requirement may result in dismissal from the National Honor Society by vote of the faculty committee.
- Any violation of the law or school regulations may result in immediate dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, plagiarism, truancy, possession, selling or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school related activities.
- Failure to participate in the chapter's annual service project and/or complete 10 hours annually of individual service to the community may result in dismissal from the chapter.
- Members and their parents will be provided with written documentation of the proposal for dismissal. Members have the right to a face-to-face hearing before the faculty committee or can provide a written statement for all pending dismissals.
- A majority vote of the faculty committee is required for dismissal of members.
- Members who are dismissed have the right to appeal the decision to the principal. The principal has the final decision in cases of dismissal. In lieu of dismissal, the faculty committee may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member.
- Members who are dismissed or resign from National Honor Society for any reason are never again eligible for membership or its benefits. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the adviser.