**From Johnston High School:**

Duties and Responsibilities of the Members – Members are expected to attend all monthly

meetings and participate in all required service projects (see Article VIII for additional

information on meeting attendance). Members are expected to represent themselves as

responsible members of N.H.S. at all times, whether in school, at school-related events, or

within the community. Failure to do so could constitute disciplinary action by the

Faculty Council and subsequent removal and cancellation of membership.

Attendance Violations –

A. All instances of attendance shall be brought before the Faculty

Council. After the second unexcused absence members will be issued a letter

informing them of their exact number of absences, as well as the procedures for

subsequent unexcused absences. After the 3rd absence, the member will receive

another letter informing them that their membership status will be sent before the

Faculty Council. The member will have an opportunity to inform the Faculty Council,

via the chapter advisors, as to any reasons or extenuating circumstances surrounding

the absences and the Faculty Council will ultimately make the final decision whether to

extend a probationary period or to cancel the student’s membership.

B. If the Faculty Council issues an extended probationary period after the 3rd unexcused

absence, on the 4th unexcused absence a student’s membership may be cancelled with

no additional warning.

C. If a member has excessive (excessive is defined as three or more) excused absences

(excused absences may include, but are not limited to student illness, weather related

issues, college visits and field trips and family emergencies) their membership status

will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Membership status may be brought before the

Faculty Council, at which point the Faculty Council will make a recommendation as to

a members’ status within N.H.S

D. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or benefits. Notice of dismissal will be indicated on the annual report submitted to the national organization at the end of the school year.

E. All dismissals are final. A dismissed student may not reapply to the same or any other chapter of NHS.

**From Canyon High School:**

Membership Responsibilities

1. Attendance: NHS members must attend monthly chapter meetings in order to remain in good standing.

Unexcused absences from monthly meetings will result in one additional service project for each missed

meeting.

2. Scholarship: Grades are reviewed at the end of each semester. A member whose GPA falls below the

required 3.70 GPA is placed on probation. Members are expected to regain the scholastic requirement

within the time designated in their probation notice or they may be dismissed from membership.

3. Dues: Members must contribute $10.00 in dues annually.

4. Members must complete a minimum of 15 service hours per semester, to include both chapter service projects and individual service projects.

5. Chapter Service Projects: The service projects will be selected by the chapter to meet the following criteria:

a. to fulfill a need within the school or community

b. have the support of the administration and the faculty

c. be appropriate and educationally defensible, and

d. be well planned, organized and executed.

6. Individual Service Projects: Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interest.

7. A service verification sheet must be approved for individual service projects by NHS Advisers prior to

beginning the service project. The verification sheet must be signed by the supervisor of the service project and submitted to NHS advisers after completion of the project.

8. NHS members may not receive payment, award, recognition, or earn a grade for service project hours.

Good Standing

1. End of Year: Members who have not fulfilled service requirements are notified with a probationary status letter and expected to comply by a specified date. Members who fail to meet this deadline may be dismissed from NHS.

2. Seniors: By April 15th

prior to graduation, seniors who fail to fulfill all membership requirements may be

referred to Faculty Council for dismissal and will not be eligible to wear the NHS collar or be designated as an NHS member in the graduation program.

3. Maintaining Standards: NHS members are required to maintain the same level of performance in all criteria that led to their selection, including scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Those members who fail to meet these requirements may be dismissed from NHS.

4. Students or parents having questions regarding the NHS selection process or membership requirements are encouraged to contact Chapter Advisers.

ARTICLE V

Discipline & Dismissal

1. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be warned by the

Chapter Advisors, placed on probation, and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency.

2. Failure to correct deficiencies in any of the areas of selection criteria may result in disciplinary measures and/or dismissal from NHS membership.

3. In the case of violation of school rules, honor code, or civil laws, a member does not have to be warned but may be placed on immediate probation pending a dismissal hearing.

4. NHS members who violate school and/or chapter guidelines may receive disciplinary actions by both

school administration and NHS Faculty Council

**From Cathedral High School:**

**ARTICLE VI**

Selection of Members

     **Section 1**.  The selection of members to this chapter of the National Honor Society shall be by a majority vote of the chapter council, consisting of the voting staff members. The decisions of the chapter council are subject to the review of the principal.

  **Section 2.**

Prerequisites for selection into NHS:

* Students must have attended Cathedral for at least one semester.
* Students must be a junior or senior.
* Students must have a 3.6 cumulative GPA for their years at Cathedral High School starting with the class of 2007.
* Students must demonstrate their leadership and character qualities through written essays and character references.
* Students must demonstrate their commitment to service by obtaining written verification of service hours from moderators or advisors.
* Students must meet all NHS deadlines for application.
* Students must not have had any major disciplinary action taken against them such as, but not limited to, suspensions, cheating or violations of the Cathedral Drug and Alcohol Policy.
* Students will be evaluated by a Faculty Council comprised of Cathedral faculty and/or staff and the NHS moderators.

Once selected for membership all candidates and their parents must sign a contract stating that they accept and will maintain the standards of NHS in all 4 areas-academics, character, leadership, and service.

     **Section 4**.  Eligibility for selection and continued membership is based on compliance with civil and school regulations.  Consideration is given to the qualities of honesty, reliability, integrity, cooperation, courtesy, determination, respect, and concern for others.

     **Section 5**.  All academically eligible students must submit a complete National Honor Society application packet by the stated deadline.

     **Section 6**.  **All members must attend the induction rehearsal and ceremony** to be inducted into and remain members of the Cathedral High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.  **Members selected as Juniors areREQUIRED TO ATTEND the induction ceremony the next year (as Seniors) and welcome the new members.**

**Article VIII: Dismissal**

Section 1. Failure to maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA is grounds for dismissal. The only GPA calculation accepted is the one displayed on the official high school transcript.

Section 2. Failure to earn the minimum service points required to remain a member in good standing is grounds for dismissal.

Section 3. Failure to attend 75% of the general/social meetings per semester, the induction rehearsals, or the induction ceremony is grounds for dismissal.

Section 4. A member shall be subject to dismissal on character issues that include but are not limited to: cheating; alcohol and drugs (including tobacco); weapons; fights; disrespect for property (graffiti, vandalism, etc.), faculty, administration, staff, and students.

Section 5. A member shall be subject to dismissal for failure to exemplify positive leadership to the Society, the Pine Creek High School community or the Colorado Springs community.

Section 6. Officers shall be subject to dismissal for: failure to maintain the 3.5 GPA minimum (the only GPA calculation accepted is the one displayed on the official high school transcript.); failure to earn the minimum service points required to remain a member in good standing; failure to attend 75% of the general/social meetings per semester, the induction rehearsal or the induction ceremony; failure to meet the standards of character that are the basis for selection into National Honor Society; or failure to provide a positive leadership role to the Society, the Pine Creek High School community or the Colorado Springs community.

Section 7. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

ARTICLE X
Meetings

     **Section 1**.  The regular meetings of this chapter shall be during the school year on days designated by the executive committee and approved by the principal.  The meetings will be held both before and after school to accommodate students.  Attendance will be recorded.

     **Section 2**.  The officers of the chapter for the next year shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the previous school year.

     **Section 3**.  Special meetings approved by the executive committee may be called.

**Section 4**.  All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the guidance of the chapter advisers.  Information may also be disseminated to members through email.

**Section 5**.  ***All members must regularly attend meetings and participate in activities sponsored by the Cathedral High School chapter of the National Honor Society or obtain a waiver from an advisor.  Irregular attendance and participation  can be cause for dismissal***.