

BY-LAWS of THE
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
WILLIAM B. Travis HIGH SCHOOL
(Revised February 24, 2017)

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. **CANDIDATE'S ELIGIBILITY: ATTENDANCE**

Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a record of regular attendance at high school, with the last two consecutive semesters attended within the Fort Bend Independent School District system

Section 2. **CANDIDATE'S ELIGIBILITY: CHARACTER, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP**

In addition to the attendance standards set forth in Section 1., above, each candidate shall be enrolled as an active member of the junior or senior class in his/her high school; and shall maintain an average high school scholastic record of 4.5 G.P.A. on the 6.0 scale through the class of 2018 or a GPA of 85 on the 100 scale starting with the class of 2019. Moreover, each candidate's eligibility will be based upon his/her service, leadership and character. Any conduct which warrants suspension from school or placement in an alternative school program during a period of eligibility shall automatically deem student ineligible for membership.

Section 3. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS: EVALUATION AND DECISION OF FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEEMED FINAL**

New members shall be selected from a list compiled by the Registrar of students deemed eligible in accord with the scholastic requirements and conditions set forth in Section 2. At the beginning of October, students deemed scholastically eligible will receive an email through Naviance with an attached letter advising them of the procedures and requirements of membership in NHS and an application to apply to NHS. The letter must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian of the eligible student and returned within the timeframe written on the letter in order to further continue the process. The Application Form will be used to evaluate leadership and service. The Faculty will evaluate the character of student on a scale of 1 through 5, with 5 being the highest mark; and an average of 4 shall be considered sufficient to allow student to proceed to the next phase of membership eligibility. Utilizing scholarship, character evaluation by the faculty, and satisfactory completion by each candidate of the Student Application Form, the Faculty Advisory Committee will render a decision as to the selection of each eligible candidate by majority vote of those Committee members present at the time the vote is taken. In all instances, the vote of the Committee shall remain confidential. If, as a result of vote taken, student is deemed ineligible, student may appeal the decision in writing by the deadline given on their non-acceptance letter.

Section 4. **MEMBERSHIP: INDUCTION**

New members shall be inducted into the organization in the February of each year.

Section 5. **OFFICERS: ELECTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS**

New officers shall be elected in the spring of each year. Those elected at this time shall be designated Officer-elect and shall work as an assistant to the officer holding the position.

Section 6. **DISMISSAL: GROUNDS**

Members are expected to maintain their appropriate grade point average as specified in Section 2., above. A student not receiving the appropriate grades will be allowed one semester to bring up his/her grades. Failure to do so shall result in dismissal. Eligibility for recognition at graduation will be determined by the grade point average that the registrar uses for final class rank. Any student who has been suspended, placed in alternative school, or has violated any civil laws shall be dismissed from membership in NHS. Any student who violates the code of ethics or school policy shall be dismissed; and, any student who does not comply with their obligation for membership as specified in section 9, below, is subject to dismissal.

Section 7. **DISMISSAL: HEARING AND APPEAL: PROCEDURE**

If a student is to be dismissed from membership in NHS, he will receive a letter from the adviser. A copy of this letter is sent to the parents, the student's assistant principal, and the counselor. Any NHS student being considered for dismissal is entitled to a hearing; and in the event that a student desires a hearing, he/she shall inform the NHS sponsor in writing of such desire within ten (10) days after receiving his/her letter. The student will be notified of the time and place of the hearing; and, at such time and place, the student shall be allowed reasonable time to present his/her case to the Faculty Advisory Committee; and, in the event that the Committee rules unfavorably, the student may appeal such ruling in accord with the applicable rules governing disciplinary appeals in the School District. In the event that the rulings of the Committee remain intact following the expiration of all appeals, dismissal shall be deemed final at that time, and the student shall surrender his/her NHS emblem and membership card to the chapter adviser. The student's name shall be struck from the rolls of NHS for all purposes and inquiries thereafter.

Section 8. **FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: BY-LAWS**

The Faculty Advisory Committee has the right to overrule any decision concerning the above by-laws.

Section 9. **MEMBER'S OBLIGATIONS TO CHAPTER**

- a. Attendance at meetings. If a student is unable to attend a meeting or an activity, he shall provide the sponsors with an excuse to the meeting or activity, signed by a parent or sponsor no later than 2:30 Friday after the meeting.
- b. Students must participate in the service projects hosted by NHS.
- c. Seniors must complete 14 service hours during the fall semester.
- d. Juniors and seniors inducted during their senior year must complete 14 service hours during the spring semester.
- e. NHS requires 14 hours of service per semester, of which at least 7 must be completed through scheduled NHS activities. Service performed on your own for NHS hours should be activities which get you out of school and into the community. NHS already provides some service activities that benefit the school so you should go beyond the school, your family, and your church to serve others. Therefore, activities NOT accepted for hours include: work done for your relatives; donating items (except for NHS-sponsored projects); recycling; helping Travis teachers before or after school; babysitting other than for a service organization; political campaigning; or any religion-based, church-related activity other than outreach (away from the church, not for church profit). Tutoring is only allowed to count for service hours if you tutor through JROTC or through Peer Tutoring available at THS. If in doubt, ask one of the NHS sponsors. Only 7 (total) hours may be done at any one place. Only 5 (total) hours may be acquired by donating food, books, toys, etc.
- f. Each student member shall pay \$10.00 per semester dues.
- g. Each student member shall actively participate in NHS fundraising activities during each semester of membership if fundraising occurs. (Exception: senior members who are active for a third semester.)
- h. Each member must participate in at least one committee for the new member induction.