Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is National Honor Society?

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization for high school students. The Lyme-Old Lyme High School chapter of the National Honor Society is open to junior and senior students who meet the required standards of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. NHS is a service-based organization which requires volunteer work in the school and community.

Q: Who is eligible for National Honor Society at LOLHS?

Lyme-Old Lyme High School juniors and seniors who meet the scholastic requirement will be invited to submit an application for review by the faculty committee. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior class. Candidates must have been in attendance at LOLHS the equivalent of one semester. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least a 92.0%. Candidates shall be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character. Letters of eligibility and application materials are given to juniors and seniors after the close of the first semester and to seniors by the close of the first quarter.

Q: What does a National Honor Society application include at LOLHS?

An application to National Honor Society includes the following forms to be completed by the applicant; a Compliance Form, an Application Submission Form, a Declination Form, a Student Activity Form, a Leadership Statement Form, a Personal Statement Form, a Service Form and 2 Teacher recommendation Forms.

Q: What should my student do to best prepare for consideration to be inducted into National Honor Society?

While each applicant is unique, we would recommend that students become involved in activities and organizations in the school and broader school community. Applicants should also get involved in community service activities, plan and lead community service projects and/or connect with organizations that allow for outreach opportunities. Applicants should demonstrate excellence in character; trustworthiness, respect, caring, fairness, responsibility and citizenship. We would also encourage students interested in applying to NHS to take on leadership roles within our school and the broader community. Leadership is a keystone quality of a perspective NHS member.

Q: How are students selected for National Honor Society?

Juniors and seniors who would like to be considered for the National Honor Society must meet the minimum GPA requirement and the four criteria set forth by the national constitution: scholarship, leadership, service and character. Once students have submitted their application, it is reviewed by the chapter advisor(s) and the faculty committee. The faculty committee must review the student's statements, faculty recommendations, and the feedback from the faculty at large. Then the faculty committee will determine if the student has met the criteria.

Q: What and when is National Honor Society Induction?

The induction of members to National Honor Society is a ceremony to welcome new members and celebrate this honor. The induction ceremony will occur annually in April.

Q: What are the expectations of a National Honor Society member at LOLHS?

This club expects a minimal commitment from students (30 min - 1 hr/week). Students must attend bi-weekly morning meetings - if absent they must let advisor know prior to the meeting. Sign-in is required at meetings. Students are expected to participate in at least 3 events throughout the school year.

Q: What type of events do National Honor Society members organize and participate in?

Members attend and/or participate in 3+ events throughout the year. Examples of events include but are not limited to the NHS Toy Drive, Study with a Buddy, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Read Across America and Teacher Appreciation Day Brunch. These events are during the school year and are typically occur outside of the school day or on the weekend. Events may last anywhere from 2-6 hours.

Q: If a student is not selected to be a member of National Honor Society, can they reapply?

If a student is not selected to be a member of the National Honor Society they will be eligible to reapply in the future if they meet the minimum GPA.

Q: Can a student be dismissed from National Honor Society?

Members who fall below the standards which were the bases for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except in the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member does not necessarily have to be warned. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.