



## BYLAWS of the National English Honor Society: Council Rock North High School Chapter

### Requirements for Application

As per the national NEHS organization, "The National English Honor Society (NEHS) is open to high school students ... who have demonstrated **exceptional ability in such areas as literary analysis, media studies, composition, linguistic study, and creative writing**, and who meet the requirements of membership.... Membership in NEHS is **by invitation**, extended through a local chapter on behalf of the national organization. Membership in NEHS is an honor bestowed on individuals **selected for their accomplishments in the field of English** and in overall academic achievement."

The **following additional requirements** must be met before a student will be considered eligible for application:

- Ability to read, write, and communicate with both peers and adults **at a high level**
- **3.5+ cum. GPA overall** (no rounding)
  - Students' cum. GPA will be that calculated by the guidance department **from the end of the previous year.**
- **English grades of A or B** (with only 0-1 grade below a B with no F) for the **last six-seven consecutive marking periods**
  - Students are required to provide **proof of English grades** via report cards from the previous six-seven marking periods.
- **No F and no more than one D in any other curricular area** or class within **each of the previous six-seven marking periods** leading up to application (no rounding)
  - Students are required to provide **proof of marking period grades** via report cards **from the previous six-seven marking periods.**
- Membership/Active participation in **at least one English-related activity within the last calendar year**
  - Students are required to provide proof of involvement (advisor memo, certificate, activity log, etc.).
  - Eligible activities will be determined by the Chapter Advisor(s) and may include (**but are not limited to**) Reading Olympics, *Indianite* staff, Yearbook staff/class, Sock 'N Buskin, *Rock Reverb*, Debate club, Mock Trial, STAR tutoring for English/Reading ONLY, Creative Writing or Print Journalism or Writing elective (that does NOT count toward the mandatory 4 credits of English), writing workshop/class outside of CRN, participation in the NEHS "Common Reader" scholarship competition, involvement in community theater, articles or poems published in school and/or non-school publications, volunteer hours at a local library, or related activities contingent upon advisor approval. In most cases, **activities must be sponsored/advised by a North faculty member.** See advisor with questions.

### Requirements to Maintain Membership

The following requirements must be maintained for a student to remain eligible for membership (See notes on probationary status below):

- **3.5+ cum. GPA overall** (no rounding)
  - Students' cum. GPA will be that calculated by the guidance department from the end of the previous year.
- **3.5+ overall GPA within each marking period during membership in NEHS** (no rounding)
  - Students are required to provide proof of marking period GPA via report card each marking period.
- **A or B in English within each marking period during membership in NEHS**
  - Students are required to provide proof via report card each marking period.
- **Attendance at ALL NEHS meetings**
  - Failure to make 2+ meetings--excused or unexcused--may result in probationary status; a 3<sup>rd</sup> missed meeting may result in removal.
    - Prior to a missed meeting, whenever possible, **members must notify an officer or advisor at least one full day in advance.**
    - In case of a missed meeting, **members must follow up with the advisor within one week after and/or review the agenda.** Student(s) may be assigned additional duties commensurate with time missed.

- **5+ “credits”** worth of NEHS activities
  - **NOTE: The following requirements may, with advisor and member input, be amended/alterd in order to grow and strengthen the chapter.**
  - **1 credit will be fulfilled by mandatory active membership in one of the following school-related activities:** Reading Olympics, *Indianite* staff, \*Yearbook staff/class, Sock ‘N Buskin, *Rock Reverb*, Debate club, Mock Trial, STAR tutoring for English/Reading ONLY, Creative Writing or Print Journalism or Writing elective (that does NOT count toward the mandatory 4 credits of English), writing workshop/class outside of CRN, participation in the NEHS “Common Reader” scholarship competition, involvement in community theater, articles or poems published in school and/or non-school publications, volunteer hours at a local library, participation in an NEHS writing competition ("[Intellectual Freedom Challenge](#)," the [annual writing contest](#), or the [Common Reader Scholarship](#) ), OR the NEHS PR position. Other eligible activities will be contingent upon advisor approval and may include (but are not limited to) those previously listed. (\*Classes other than Yearbook may not count toward this requirement unless approved prior.)
    - Students are required to provide proof of *active, consistent* involvement via Mandatory Activity Form.
    - Additional participation in more than one school-related activity will NOT earn another credit.
  - **1 credit will be earned through mandatory participation in NEHS’s annual group activity**, including all of its activities and meeting times (2014-15 activity = Book Drive) (2015-16 activity = Scrabble Tournament) (2016-17 = Book Drive) (2017-18 Scrabble Tournament) (2018-19 Book Drive) (2020-21 School-wide Kahoot competition) (2021-22 = Book Drive).
    - Failure to contribute to/participate in annual activity will **result in additional necessary credit hours and/or the assignment of additional duties commensurate with time missed, at advisor’s discretion.**
  - **1 credit will be earned through mandatory participation in a fund-raising activity (group or individual)** (separate from other credit activities), including but not limited to working the school store, bake sale, etc.
    - Failure to contribute to/participate in fund-raising activity will **result in additional necessary credit hours and/or the assignment of additional duties commensurate with time missed, at advisor’s discretion**
  - **Additional 2 credits will be earned through mandatory participation in 1+ literacy-related projects initiated and chosen by NEHS members or advisors. These projects may be individual or group activities.**
    - **All activities must be pre-approved by Chapter Advisors 1+ week prior to member participation.**
    - Activities must be spread throughout the year (between 2+ marking periods) and constitute ongoing effort and attention.
      - Students may propose **two smaller projects or one extended project.**
      - *These activities will be separate and distinct from the NEHS annual group activity.*
    - Credit hours must be earned **outside of academics**; NO class-related activities will be considered for credit hours. **Any activity also learning LINKS hours will not qualify.**
    - Hours served in accordance with *other non-NEHS* clubs/organizations will not constitute these additional credit hours for NEHS, even if those activities are literary or language arts based. Examples include serving as an *officer* for Sock N Buskin, *Rock Reverb*, *The Indianite*, etc. However, members may propose a *joint* endeavor that could, in fact, count for NEHS credit hours.
    - Students are required to **autonomously** provide proof of involvement via project logs in a timely fashion before credit hours are awarded.
    - Failure to participate in an individual/group project will result in **additional necessary credit hours and/or the assignment of additional duties commensurate with time missed, at advisor’s discretion.**
      - Students may also be placed on probationary status.

### Probationary Status/Removal

Members are required to **abide by the bylaws** above and to **autonomously partake in the mission and purposes of NEHS** (below). Members are required to fulfill their credit hour endeavors; maintain their scholarship and attendance; uphold the Council Rock Academic Integrity Policy and the Council Rock Code of Conduct; and display honorable character.

The **mission and purposes** of this organization shall be **literary and educational**. NEHS shall strive to

- A. confer distinction upon secondary school students for high achievement in English language and literature;
- B. provide, through its local chapters, cultural stimulation in secondary school environments;
- C. encourage interest in the English language arts;
- D. promote exemplary character and good fellowship among its members; and
- E. serve society by fostering literacy.

**Any student member who fails at any time to meet the activity and participation requirements set forth in these bylaws may be immediately removed from NEHS without probation.** Members must be proactive in their involvement in NEHS. Any member who misses 2+ meetings may be placed on probation or removed.

**Once** during membership may a student fall below the cum. GPA, marking period GPA, or grade requirements set forth above. If this occurs, students will be considered probationary for the duration of one marking period, during which time they must re-establish their cum. GPA, marking period GPA, and/or English grade to the requirements set forth above. **Failure to do so within the one marking period’s time will result in removal from NEHS. No exceptions.** *If* a student falls below the GPA or grade requirements set forth above **a**

***second time, he/she will be immediately removed from NEHS and will not be eligible to take part in the application process again for one calendar year.***

***Violations of the Council Rock North Code of Conduct (see handbook) and/or infractions of CR's Academic Integrity Policy may result in probationary status AND/OR removal from NEHS without warning at the discretion of the Faculty Advisory Council (advisor, principal and/or asst. principal--and others at principal's/advisor's request).***