

EDEN Jr./Sr. NHS MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

To be a member in good standing upon graduation from Eden Central High School and to be officially recognized by the National Organization, a member of the Eden Chapter of the National Honor Society must abide by the rules as written in the bylaws of the National Organization and the following Eden High School chapter rules below:

1. The required cumulative GPA of 95 must be maintained. Probation will result if the GPA falls below this requirement. A member has until the end of that semester to return the cumulative GPA to a 95. Failure to do so will result in dismissal by the Faculty Council. This includes the final semester before graduation.
2. **All members must attend the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in order to be inducted. All members must also attend the Fall and Spring Inductions for the Seniors and Juniors.**
3. Each member must be in attendance at 90% of the meetings, September through June. There is one special meeting prior to the Spring Induction in March. There is a minimum of 10 meetings per year. Therefore, only **one absence will be excused. Attendance is determined by being present at the time of roll call and remaining until adjournment.**
4. The Advisor(s) must excuse any absence prior to a meeting. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused attendance.
5. All junior members must participate in three chapter-approved community service projects during the following school year such as Raider Respond Day, Halloween Party, Fall Fest, and/or the Hospice Bouquet sale. Any junior member fulfilling less than three projects by May 1st of their Senior year will not be able to wear the NHS cord at graduation. Any Senior inductee must fulfill two units of service by May 1st to wear the NHS cord at graduation.
6. In addition to other service, all members must also tutor at the Boys and Girls Club during their homework Power Hour once a month.

7. In the event of a violation of school rules (e.g. in-school or out-of-school suspensions or a violation of State and Federal Laws, a member need not be put on probation, but can be dismissed by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. A hearing with the Faculty Council will take place before any such dismissal.
8. Elections: During the end of the Junior year the members will nominate and vote for the President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer of the chapter. Nominees are members who must be in good standing. Officers are elected by a majority vote with at least two-thirds of the members present.

Officers

The following is a list of officer's duties. Duties may slightly change, as directed by advisor.

President

- coordinate with other officers
- serve as community contact for service project requests
- coordinate induction/speech
- determine necessary meeting dates, activity dates
- meet with NHS adviser and administration on NHS projects

Vice President

- post and publish all meetings
- keep file of all service projects
- assist president in making community contacts
- assist with induction/speech
- head tutoring program and coordination

Secretary

- organize and type agenda for all meetings
- keep minutes for all meetings
- distribute materials to those who miss meetings
- assist with induction/speech
- maintain member files

Treasurer

- collect dues
- keep receipts for all cash transactions, dues, etc.
- assist with induction/speech
- receive and count money for any fund raisers, etc.

- assist with tutoring program

Dismissal of Members

1. Reasons for dismissal:

a. If a member's *GPA* drops below a 95 cumulative average, the student will be placed on probation and will have one semester to bring his/her grades up to Society standards or face dismissal.

b. A member entering NHS as a junior must complete three units of community service by May 1st of the senior year or be dismissed. Members negligent of having completed and turned in information regarding three units of service before the end of the first semester of the senior year will receive a letter of warning 2 weeks before May 1st to correct the lack of service units.

c. A member whose actions show poor character or leadership can be placed upon probation, with a second violation resulting in dismissal.

d. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a member will be dismissed without necessarily being warned.

2. Following due process by the school administration, if dismissal is warranted, the member will be notified in writing of the violation and then dismissed. The NHS Faculty Council appoints the advisor to represent it in matters of discipline of members.

3. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, his or her parents, and the principal. A report will also be sent to the National office.

4. A dismissed member must surrender the NHS emblem, membership card, and the membership pin to the chapter advisor. If a member is unwilling to do this, the matter is treated as a school disciplinary matter.

5. A student who is dismissed or resigns will never again become a member of the National Honor Society.

6. An automatic dismissal occurs if an NHS member is arrested and convicted or caught by a school or public official abusing drugs or alcohol or being under the influence of either.

*A verbal warning and/or written letter from the advisor will inform members who fail to meet the criteria, indicated above, of potential disciplinary action (probation) or termination of membership.

Inductee Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____