

National Honor Society

Membership Requirements and Procedures:

A. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is by invitation only.
2. To be eligible for membership, candidates must be a member of the Sophomore, Junior, or Senior class.
3. Candidates must have been in attendance at China Spring High School the equivalent of one semester. NHS members transferring in from another school district may be eligible.
4. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average (GPA) of at least 3.500 and be graduating on the recommended or distinguished plan.
5. Candidates must fill out and return by a specific date a Student Activity Information Form which verifies their service, leadership and character.
6. Candidates shall then be evaluated by the Faculty Council on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

B. SELECTION

1. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council (a committee of five (5) faculty members [teachers and staff] selected by the principal, but not including the principal or advisers).
2. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the Faculty Council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.
3. Prior to selection, the following shall occur:
 - a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
 - b. Students who are eligible scholastically shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Student Activity Information Form for further consideration for selection.
 - c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official evaluation form provided by the chapter adviser.
 - d. The Faculty Council shall review the Student Activity Information Form and faculty evaluations in order to determine membership.
4. The selection of new, active members shall be held once a year during the first semester of the school year.
5. Candidates become active members when they have been inducted at a special ceremony.

C. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Members are reevaluated each year by the Faculty Council.
 - a. Each member's GPA is checked every semester. Members are responsible for submitting a copy of their report card each six weeks to the advisor.
 - b. Members are evaluated on character. Administrative records such as detentions, referrals, days in ISS, behavior/conduct records, as well as teacher evaluations may be considered by the Faculty Council.
 - c. Service hours are checked to see that each member has a minimum of 10 verified hours, 7 of which are club-sponsored hours (2 hours per semester are devoted to recycling).
 - d. Each member is also evaluated of his leadership role in and out of the school community. Members are expected to be resourceful, demonstrate leadership in promoting school activities, exercise

influence on peers, exemplify positive behavior, successfully hold school offices or positions of responsibility, be able to delegate responsibilities and be dependable.

2. Members must attend society meetings and are responsible for all information discussed at both the monthly and called meetings. It is the member's responsibility to know the date and time of the meeting. Monthly meeting dates are posted on the NHS bulletin board and called meetings are announced at school.
3. Members must pay club dues of \$25/year.

D. DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

1. Any member who falls below the standards for scholarship, leadership, character, or service may be dismissed from the China Spring chapter of the National Honor Society.
2. If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the required level, he/she will be given a written warning and a time period of six weeks for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below the required level at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Faculty Council that may include dismissal from the chapter or academic probation.
3. Violation of the law or school regulations can result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to, DWI, stealing, destruction of property, cheating, truancy, or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school related activities.
4. Violation of the school code of conduct as found in the China Spring Student Handbook will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (Faculty Council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct, the member may be dismissed.
5. In all cases of pending dismissal:
 - a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the National Honor Society.
 - b. The member and adviser may meet to discuss the written notification.
 - c. The member may request in writing a hearing before the Faculty Council.
6. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision is sent to the member, his/her parents and the principal. The member must then surrender the NHS membership card and the NHS emblem to the chapter advisor. Appeals are handled in the same fashion as discipline appeals as outlined in the China Spring Student/Parent Handbook. Neither the national Council nor the national office (NASSP) has the authority to hear appeals in cases of dismissal.