

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. There are several obligations that come with membership. This includes attending meetings, and contributing to decision making, volunteering, and serving on committees. As a member, you are expected to maintain the standards by which you were chosen.

Scholarship: You are expected to maintain the required GPA of 4.5 or higher.

Leadership: You should continue to seek leadership positions and act as a positive role model in dealing with others. Remember that a respectful leader walks beside fellow students as a friend.

Service: You are expected to participate in at least one service project your senior year as a chapter, and one service project that reflects your particular talents and interests as an individual.

Character: You are expected to be a positive role model in your personal and school life, be drug and alcohol free, be friendly, positive, supportive and encouraging to all students and staff at Paris Cooperative High School.

Members should understand fully that they are subject to dismissal if they do not maintain the standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character that were used as a basis for their selection. In the case of violation of school rules or civil laws a warning is not required and may result in dismissal. If a dismissal is being recommended, a hearing of the Faculty Council will be held to give the member a chance to respond either in writing or orally.

Article VIII: Membership

Section 1. Membership in the local chapter is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Membership shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Active members shall become graduate members at graduation. Graduate members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisors, adults, students with disabilities, or foreign exchange students in recognition of achievement and/ or outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purposes of the National Honor Society. Honorary members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. Members who are seniors in good standing are eligible to be nominated by their chapters to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship program.

Section 6. An NHS member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the principal or chapter advisor to the new school advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 7. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Article X: Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1. The Faculty Council, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Honor Society, shall determine the procedure for dismissal. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards that were the basis 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 that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or the law, a member does not have to be warned.

Section 3. The Faculty Council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 4. In all cases of pending dismissal, a member shall have the right to a hearing before the Faculty Council. (Note: This hearing is required and it considered "due process" for all members.)

Section 5. For purposes of dismissal, a majority vote of the Faculty Council is required.

Section 6. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to the principal and thereafter under the same rules for disciplinary appeals in the school district.

Section 7. NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases. (Note: Refer to Article VIII, Section 7 regarding the permanent consequences for members when dismissed of the National Honor Society constitution.)

Addendum. Section 8. NHS students, once inducted, will take a probationary attendance policy for their Junior year. Upon entering Senior year, NHS students agree to attend all of the eight meetings held over the year. These meetings are mandatory because of the working membership requirements of completing the following: tutoring program, group service project, individual NHS service project.

Please sign and return to Ms. Seaton by 3:40pm on Monday, March 1, 2021, regardless of your answer.

I understand the requirements for membership into the National Honor Society and am willing to accept that responsibility.

I do not want to become a member in the National Honor Society.

Student Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____