

# Flames Chapter of the National Honor Society

## Guidelines for the Five Pillars



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The following documentation is intended to clarify members' roles and responsibilities. Failure to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the National Honor Society and this chapter may result in dismissal or loss of privileges from the organization, so we, as advisors, want you to understand your responsibilities as clearly as possible to insure a strong, vibrant, and knowledgeable membership that will have an impact on our school, our community, and, most importantly, for our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ and His kingdom.

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## **General Guidelines**

The bylaws of the Flames Chapter of the NHS specify that members must have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 in addition to attendance and character requirements. Please refer to those bylaws that are included at the end of this packet of information. However, in the following section, members will find a list of character qualities based on the five pillars that all members should strive for during their membership. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive, but general guidelines that can be used for the members, advisors, faculty council, and administration.

## **Spiritual Life Principles**

The following characteristics should consistently exemplify the NHS member's life:

- Attends their local church on a regular basis
- Encourages others to follow Biblical principles
- Ministers to others in service through their local church
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting a Christian world-view
- Gently admonishes others when they choose to do wrong
- Promotes and encourages other students
- Exercises the fruits of the Spirit consistently

## **Leadership Guidelines**

The following characteristics should consistently exemplify the NHS member's life:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility
- Conducts business effectively and efficiently
- Demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, or in other school or community activities
- Is dependable in any responsibility accepted

## **Service Guidelines**

The following characteristics should consistently exemplify the NHS member's life:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance gladly and willingly
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous tasks
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Willing to represent the class or school in interclass and interscholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Participates in some activity outside of school
- Mentors persons in the community
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

## **Character Guidelines**

The following characteristics should consistently exemplify the NHS member's life:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing an unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

## **Scholarship Guidelines**

The following characteristics should consistently exemplify the NHS member's life:

- Maintains a 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Consistently turns in homework and projects on time
- Actively completes work missed during absences
- Promotes respect during classroom interaction with peers and teachers
- Produces projects of a consistently high quality

## **Inconsistencies to Avoid**

The following characteristics should NOT be associated with a member of the Flames Chapter of the National Honor Society.

- bullying, making fun of, or putting down others
- fighting
- pattern of disrespect toward authority and others (classroom inattention, disruption, argumentativeness, inappropriate gestures and language, attitude of negativity, or entitlement)
- disregard for school policies, including alcohol consumption and persistent dress code violations
- detentions
- suspensions
- cheating / plagiarism

## **Additional Benefits**

The following benefit is available to members of the Flames Chapter of the National Honor Society.

- A trip to Chicago, Washington, D.C., or a similar location is available every other year.

**\* Members may have to finance all or part of their cost for the trip depending on the amount of money raised during fundraising.**