

NJHS HANDBOOK

Member Obligations

1) Dues

In lieu of chapter dues, members are responsible to help in any fundraising the chapter may have for the year.

2) Maintaining standards

Once selected, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected as published in the description of the local selection process.

Students should fully understand that they are subject to dismissal if they do not maintain the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship that were used as a basis for their selection.

Scholarship: Members are required to keep a 3.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Failure to do so will place the member in bad standing for the following quarter. The student will be notified in writing of the failure to keep the standard. If a student raises his/her GPA in that next quarter, they will once again be a member in good standing with the chapter. If a student fails to bring their GPA up to the 3.75 standard in that following quarter, the student will be notified of pending dismissal. The faculty board will meet and determine what action will take place. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, with copies for his or her parents, and the principal. *

Leadership: Maintaining qualities of leadership is a highly important criterion for a NJHS member. Not all forms of leadership involve being elected to a council or board of governing. Leadership standards can be found in ways such as:

Being resourceful in proposing new solutions, applying principles, and making suggestions

Demonstrating initiative in promoting school activities

Exercising positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit

Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
Inspired positive behavior in others

Demonstrates academic initiative

Is a leader in the classroom, or in other school or community activities

Is dependable in any responsibility accepted

Members are required to maintain a standard of leadership by exhibiting the qualities of a leader: honesty, integrity, commitment, passion, accountability, inspiring others, and good decision making. Members not meeting the leadership standards are subject to review by the faculty board. If deemed serious, the member will receive written notice of bad standing. If the behavior shows improvement within the next quarter, the student will be placed back on good standing with the chapter. If the qualities of leadership do not improve in the next quarter, a student will be given a written notice pending dismissal. The faculty board will meet to determine what action will take place. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, with copies for his or her parents, and the principal. *

Service: Members are required to fulfill a personal service project each quarter. Two hours of service is required per quarter. The service may be for the school, parish, or community. An example would be helping at Homework Help after school. Hours are to be logged with the Chapter Secretary after our monthly chapter meetings. Service hours will be monitored quarterly. A student that fails to perform the required 2 hours per quarter will be placed on bad standing with the chapter. The student will be notified in writing of the

failure to keep the standard. If the hours are made up in the following quarter, in addition to the ones required for that quarter, a student will be removed from bad standing. If not made up, a student will be given a written notice pending dismissal. The faculty board will meet to determine what action will take place. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, with copies for his or her parents, and the principal. *

Character: Members should be able to demonstrate an outstanding record of conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules, guidelines, and policies. Members not meeting the character standards are subject to written notice of bad standing. Bad standing will mean loss of activity with the chapter for 6 weeks. If the student receives demerits during those 6 weeks, they will be in jeopardy of removal from NJHS. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, with copies for his or her parents, and the principal. * For the CTKCS chapter, student records of demerits and detentions will be reviewed quarterly. Any student receiving more than one lunch detention per semester will be placed on bad standing. In cases of flagrant violation of school rules and policies a student may not receive a warning of bad standing but may proceed to immediate issue of pending dismissal. The faculty board will meet to determine what action will take place. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, with copies for his or her parents, and the principal. *

Citizenship: A member who demonstrates citizenship:

Understands the importance of civic engagement

Has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects the US form of government; and respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels

Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs

Members are required to demonstrate the qualities listed above. The faculty board will meet to review any conduct from a member that is not considered good citizenship. Action can be taken against the member if deemed inappropriate. Members not meeting the citizenship standards are subject to written notice of bad standing. If the behavior shows improvement within the next quarter, the student will be placed back on good standing with the chapter. If the behavior does not improve in the next quarter, a student will be given a written notice pending dismissal. The faculty board will meet to determine what action will take place. If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision will be sent to the member, with copies for his or her parents, and the principal. *

3) Meetings

Our chapter will hold meetings and members are required to attend. They will be once a quarter. It will be held during the lunch hour. In addition, chapter officers will be required to work closely with the adviser to see that the agenda for all meetings is well thought out and planned.

4) Chapter Service Project(s)

Our chapter is required to sponsor a chapter service project and all members are expected to make every effort to participate.

5) Individual Service Projects(s)

In addition to the chapter service project noted above, members are required to perform additional service according to their own talents and interests. The quantity of this service and the degree to which the chapter monitors this activity is outlined above in the Maintaining Standards/service section.

* In all cases of dismissal, the member may appeal the decision of the faculty council to the principal.

