



KCS NHS Member Selection Process



What are the eligibility requirements for joining the NHS?

- To qualify for an NHS chapter, students are evaluated through the four pillars of the NHS:
 - **Scholarship:** Students with a 3.5 grade point average or higher are eligible to join the NHS chapter. GPA will not be rounded up in order to fit the requirements.
 - **Service:** Students must have verified volunteer experience through the school or individually to help assist the community.
 - **Leadership** (Can be built upon; not a basis of evaluation): Students show ability and willingness to learn and work with others.
 - **Character** (Can be built upon; not a basis of evaluation): Students demonstrate respect and compassion for other students, faculty, and community members.
- For more information on guidelines for joining an NHS chapter, please visit the Guidelines for Joining an NHS Chapter [here](#).

What is the selection process like?

- Starting the Quarter 2 of the school year, our chapter advisor confirms the eligible and exceeding grade point averages (minimum 3.5 GPA) of our tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students.
- A general application will be sent out to all tenth through twelfth grade students that are interested in joining, which will include the requirement of listing out volunteer experience and student's grade point average (which will be verified). These students will also fill out a Candidate Information Form that requires a parent/guardian to sign under the acknowledgement of the student's admission. Filling out the general application or Candidate Form is in no way an indication or guarantee of future selection.
- After students have filled out the general application and Candidate Form while meeting the requirements, the NHS faculty council (Anonymous group of school faculty members that do not include the faculty advisor or principal) will have a meeting to discuss and vote upon admitting a student into the NHS chapter based on general application response, Candidate Form response, NHS requirements, and student's behavior in school.
 - According to the NHS, students are evaluated based on the four pillars of NHS (Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character). More information listed on our Guidelines for Joining an NHS Chapter [here](#). There is also no set quota for the amount of students admitted into the chapter yearly.
- Students that are accepted into the NHS chapter will receive an email within the following weeks after submitting their Candidate Form. They will be invited to an induction ceremony, which is required for students to attend for admission into the NHS chapter.



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Article 1 - Name and Purpose:

Section 1: The selected name of this Chapter is ‘Kihei Charter National Honor Society’.

Section 2: The purpose of this Chapter is to provide KCS Students with opportunities to improve upon their service, leadership, character, and scholarship skills.

Article 2 - Governance:

Section 1: This Chapter shall be supervised by its Chapter Advisor. Selected through a nomination process.

Section 2: The five-person Faculty Council will meet yearly to select students, carefully following the *KCS NHS Member Selection Process*.

Section 3: The principal shall serve the right to remove Faculty Council members at any given time.

Article 3 - Membership:

Section 1: Members of the Kihei Charter National Honor Society Chapter shall be those selected students who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or higher to be eligible and to maintain membership. Eligible students who have completed NHS Candidate Form must demonstrate very good to outstanding completion of activities in leadership and service and have references indicating very good to outstanding character. A definition of the characteristics of leadership, service, and character desired in members of the NHS is listed on the "Pillars of NHS" page on the NHS website.



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Article 4 - Selection of Membership:

Section 1: Students invited to submit the NHS Candidate Form will have their responses reviewed by the KCS NHS Faculty Council.

Section 2: Students will be informed of Candidate Form status by the Chapter Advisor.

Article 5 - Duties and Responsibilities:

Section 1: Members of the Kihei Charter National Honor Society will maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Section 2: Members will complete five hours of community service in each term, adding to the total requirement of ten hours per semester.

Section 3: The duties of the advisor are to keep an account of any money earned, to enforce the bylaws, to write warnings and probation letters, and to act as a liaison between the Principal, the Administration, the Faculty and members.

Article 6 - Meetings:

Section 1: Meetings shall be held on a weekly basis. Attendance is required. If a student is unable to attend a meeting, a written notice to the Chapter Advisor will be due prior to the day of the meeting.

Section 2: Service events do not count as meetings, but will be planned and discussed in weekly meetings.

Section 3: Special meetings, if needed, will be called by the president, executive committee or advisor.



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Article 7 - Community Service:

Section 1: Five hours of community service must be completed per term within each term (quarter). If a member completes more than five hours in any one term, these hours may not be rolled over to then next term. Seniors in the fourth term are not required to complete community service hours.

Section 2: Each member must complete a total of ten hours of community service per semester. These hours will be submitted to the National Honor Society, to hold Kihei Charter's chapter.

Section 3: If a member does not complete the required five hours of community service, disciplinary measures will be taken. Disciplinary issues involving completion of community service are discussed in Article 8, Section 4.

Article 8 - Discipline:

Section 1: Disciplinary measures will consist of a series of written warnings, probation, and dismissal and will deal with issues of scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Section 2: For non-compliance due to low grade point average, the student will receive a written warning and be placed on probation. The student will have the opportunity to bring their grade point average into compliance in the following two terms. If, after this time period, the grade point average is 3.5 or higher, the student will receive notification of removal from probation by written letter from the NHS advisor. If, on the other hand, the grade point average continues to be lower than 3.5, the student will be dismissed from the chapter. Notification of dismissal will be by written letter from the NHS advisor.



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Article 8 - Discipline (Continued):

Section 3: For the first unexcused non-attendance at a required meeting advertised one week in advance students will be issued a written warning. For the second unexcused non-attendance at a required meeting, students will be placed on probation in writing. The third unexcused non-attendance at a required meeting will result in dismissal in writing from the society.

Section 4: If the student fails to complete 5 hours of community service one term, the student will be issued a written warning and will have the opportunity to make up the five hours plus an additional five hours the following term. Therefore, at the end of this time period following the warning and period of probation, the student must turn in a community service form or forms indicating the completion of a minimum of fifteen hours of service. If the student fails, after the second term, to make up the required number of community service hours, the student will be dismissed in writing from the chapter.

Section 5: Issues dealing with character will be handled on an individual basis and may include input from the faculty, NHS Board and the principal.

Section 6: Once dismissed, students are unable to regain membership to the National Honor Society.

Article 9 - Privileges:

Section 1: Graduating members of NHS will have the privilege of wearing the NHS stole at commencement exercises provided that they have maintained a minimum of a 3.5 and have completed a minimum of 5 hours of community service for each of the first three terms of their senior year.

Section 2: Any NHS member found abusing any of the above privileges by school administration or faculty will be given a written warning and be denied the privilege for a period of one term. If further abuse of the privilege continues, the student will be dismissed in writing from NHS.



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Article 10 - Ratification of By-laws:

Section 1: The bylaws of the Kihei Charter National Honor Society Chapter must be ratified by a vote of two-thirds of the total membership.

Article 11 - Amending By-laws:

Section 1: The bylaws of the Kihei Charter National Honor Society Chapter may be amended by an approval of newly suggested amendments by two-thirds of the total membership.