



Welcome to Lowell High School's National Honor Society Club! I hope this F.A.Q. helps you get started until we can hold a face to face meeting in the future. Prospective members may fill out the Information Packet starting now. If you have a 3.60 GPA or higher, you may join our googleclassroom to get started: The code for **LHS NHS GoogleClassroom is wakab75** The selection process begins in the spring and the final deadline to submit your COMPLETED Information Packet on GoogleClassroom is **Monday, October 5, 2020 @ 4 pm** via GoogleClassroom. Read on for more helpful information. Thank you for your interest in NHS!

F.A.Q.

What is National Honor Society?

National Honor Society is a highly respected honor society with chapters in most public and private high schools across the nation. Students are not only recognized for their high academic achievements but also for their commitment to their school and greater community.

Why should I join?

The school club is nationally recognized by nearly all colleges and universities as a worthwhile club whereby students can demonstrate their commitment to the club's four pillars, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Students do this by continuing to maintain high academic standards (3.60 G.P.A. or higher), through volunteering in our school and/or community, by taking on a leadership role (big or small), and by demonstrating high moral character (i.e. treating others with respect, being honest with your schoolwork).

What are the requirements for admission?

The requirements are students have a 3.60 or higher GPA. Students must have attended Lowell High School for at least one year (but transfers may transfer their NHS membership if they were previously inducted – see F.A.Q. below for how). Students

must successfully complete the Information Packet with all required signatures, essay, and transcript and be selected for admission by a five member Faculty Council.

Is there an Induction Ceremony?

Yes! This is a highlight for our club and a wonderful opportunity to honor new members of the National Honor Society Club at Lowell High School. All are welcome to our National Honor Society Induction Ceremony to be held on **Tues., October 20, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. in Lowell High School's Irish Auditorium.**

Is there a club fee?

Yes, like most school clubs to help with operating costs there is a nominal fee. \$20 is to be paid *after* acceptance but prior to the Induction Ceremony. No student is refused full participation in the club due to inability to pay. See the Adviser if this is a hardship. Funds are used for administrative costs, costs associated with the Induction Ceremony, NHS fee paid to the state NHS, and bus/entrance fee for NHS conferences in the fall and spring semesters.

When is the selection process?

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How does the selection process work?

Students are selected by a five member Faculty Council that does NOT include the Adviser. This is done only once a year for an October Induction.

What is the time commitment?

Students have varying levels of commitment but all are required to attend one meeting/month after school, complete 20 hours of Community Service, at least ONE NHS sponsored event/activity/volunteer opportunity, and participate in the minimum requirement for the Annual Scholarship NHS Fundraiser.

What am I required to do in order to graduate with NHS Honors?

Students are required to participate in at least ONE NHS Club sponsored event/activity/volunteer effort, complete 20 hours of Community Service (Community Service is NOT helping your own athletic team, private dance studio, helping family, babysitting, raking neighbors' leaves, etc.). Community Service must be service that benefits the community and is open to all (i.e. hospital volunteer, school tutor, food pantry, soup kitchen, library assistant for no pay, sports or dance instructor in a public setting such as the Boys and Girls Club for no pay).

I have received a letter in the mail with a similar name telling me I have been accepted and requesting for me to send money – is this NHS?

No. National Honor Society is the School Club recognized by schools around the country.

I have moved and am either entering Lowell High School or leaving Lowell High School, can I still keep my membership or become a member?

Yes! If you are already a member of NHS in good standing, you may request a letter from our Head of School to take with you to your new school. For any incoming students, you would obtain a letter from your old high school principal to continue your membership at Lowell High School. If you are not yet a member, then you must be a student at Lowell High School for at least one year.

Whom may I contact with questions?

NHS Adviser Mrs. Colloca at LColloca@lowell.k12.ma.us

Where can I learn more?

How do I find out more information about joining Lowell High School's National Honor Society?
Visit Lowell High School's website and click on Distinctive Programs:
<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us>

For more information about the National Honor Society in general, you may visit:
<https://www.nhs.us>