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## Introduction

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. Today, it is estimated that more than one million students annually participate in activities of NHS.

NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop through involvement in school activities and community service. NHS was founded by and is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

## NHS Application Process

In the beginning of the second semester of each school year, all sophomores and juniors with a grade point average of at least 3.5 will receive an invitation to apply to National Honor Society. After the desire is shown to be in NHS, as well as eagerness to serve their community, the National Honor Society Faculty Advisory Committee will review student applications to determine if applicants exhibit the four pillars of NHS. Once the committee has agreed to make you a part of NHS, there will be an induction ceremony and swearing in held for your placement in National Honor Society.

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## Requirements of NHS

### Grade Point Average

NHS members are selected based on their 3.5 G.P.A., which they maintain until graduation.

### Eligibility

NHS members are in grades 10 through 12, and they have been in attendance at Bartlett High School for at least one full semester.

### Volunteer

NHS members provide 15 hours of community service per semester.

### Character & Leadership

NHS members demonstrate an excellent record of behavior in and out of school, and they participate in leadership roles in the classroom and community.



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# National Honor Society

Takukaat Chapter

Bartlett High School



“To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.”

- NHS Constitution

In addition to receiving honors cords, National Honor Society members graduate with the white NHS stole.



**Character**

Students with good character demonstrate respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship in all of their actions.

**Leadership**

Leaders take the initiative to aid others in a wholesome manner throughout their daily activities by showing wisdom, self-confidence, and sacrifice for others.

**Scholarship**

Scholarship means always doing the best work possible, regardless of impending reward. Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning.

**Service**

As a service society, NHS is highly concerned with giving its all to the school and community at large.



**What do NHS members do?**

National Honor Society members meet in a general meeting once per month. We discuss the pillars that guided students' entry into NHS. We strive to give back to Bartlett and the greater Anchorage community in a variety of ways.

Of course, students have their own individual service hours that they give to the community, but as a group, we work to promote the National Honor Society pillars in a variety of ways: painting the NHS pillars in the school, guiding parents around the school during parent teacher conferences, and

running the Bartlett Tutoring Center, a peer-to-peer tutoring center, focused on academically assisting the Bartlett student body with all of their academic needs.

More than anything, NHS is about bringing students together that have common goals and interests and helping them to succeed in those endeavors. NHS members enjoy the support and camaraderie of their NHS peers, leaving them with positive, life-long high school memories.