

## 2017-2018 National Honor Society Student Contract

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I agree to the following responsibilities including, but not limited to:

### I. Attending ALL Meetings and Required Events

As a member of NHS, you are expected to attend all National Honor Society Meetings, ceremonies, and event.<sup>1</sup> All *currently* schedule dates are listed in this contract. Some dates are yet to be determined. These dates will be communicated as soon as possible. Lunch meetings will be begin promptly at 12:40 pm.

#### First Semester

- **Mandatory:** Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> 12:45 pm  
Required Information Session for all current and prospective members regarding new NHS requirements and contract
- **Mandatory:** Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 12:40 pm in the Concert Hall  
Induction Ceremony Rehearsal
- **Mandatory:** Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm (Please arrive early as the ceremony starts at 6pm.)  
Induction Ceremony – Concert Hall
- Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> - Lunch Meeting
- TBA – Lunch Meeting to Prepare for Fall Service Project
- **Mandatory:** Fall Service Project - TBA
- **Mandatory:** Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> – Lunch Meeting – Junior Representative Elections
- Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Meeting
- **Mandatory Due Date:** Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 pm – NHS Hours due

#### Second Semester

- Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Meeting
- Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Meeting
- Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> – Lunch meeting
- Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> – Lunch meeting
- TBA - Lunch Meeting to Prepare for Spring Service Project
- Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lunch meeting
- **Mandatory:** Spring Service Project – TBA
- **Mandatory Due Date:** Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 pm – NHS Hours due
- **Mandatory:** Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm  
Stole Ceremony Concert Hall

### II. Completing and Verifying 20 Community Service Hours Per Semester (40 hours per year)

**ALL** service hours must be submitted by the listed due dates using the available form and must include an organization signature and phone number. Our sponsors will verify all service hours by calling the provided contact number. Juniors, submit hours to Mr. Mallaney (Room 207). Seniors submit hours to Ms. Wiseman (Room 205).

If you have completed summer hours, please provide a supervisor name and contact number for verification. Summer hours must be submitted by **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.**

If you complete more than twenty hours in the fall semester, those excess hours will be applied toward your spring semester hours. Excess spring semester hours, however, will not be carried forward to the following year.

Five of the twenty hours each semester may be DSA-related hours. DSA- related hours must be part of voluntary projects and cannot be required by an artistic or academic teacher.

Internship hours cannot be applied toward your service hours.

One on one tutoring may be applied toward your twenty hours as desired. the parent of the tutored student must provide their name, signature, and contact number on the verification form.

### III. Attending Booth NHS Service Projects

NHS plans to host two service projects, one each semester. Attending these events (TBA) is mandatory and **DOES NOT** count toward required service hours. Excused absences must be verified **at least two weeks** prior to the event<sup>2</sup> and will be considered on a case by case basis. Unexcused absences will result in termination from NHS.

### IV. Maintaining a 3.75 Unweighted (or 4.8 Weighted) GPA

If a member's GPA falls below an unweighted GPA of 3.75 but no lower than 3.7, they will be subject to a one-semester NHS probation period under the stipulation that the GPA return to the required level by the end of the probation period. If, after one semester, a member's GPA remains below the required level (3.75), the member will be subject to dismissal from NHS.

If at any time, a member's GPA falls below a 3.7 unweighted (or 4.75 weighted), they will be subject to dismissal from NHS.

By signing this contract:

1. I recognize that the National Honor Society is a nationally accredited organization and that upholding the values (scholarship, leadership, character, and service) are ideals set forth by the NHS Constitution<sup>3</sup> and Bylaws is of utmost importance. I sign in acknowledgment that I will, to the best of my abilities, uphold these values.

2. I acknowledge that, should I fail to uphold the requirements listed above, my membership will be terminated and I understand that I will not be invited to re-join NHS the year following the dismissal. (Any member may present a dispute to the NHS Faculty Council who will make a decision on behalf of the NHS organization. Should the matter still be in question after the Faculty Council comes to a decision, the school principal will make the final decision.)

**This contract is due by 12:40 pm Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Through September 12<sup>th</sup>, please submit your contract to Ms. Wiseman (Room 205). If you submit your contract on September 13<sup>th</sup>, please submit it to a sponsor between 12:35 pm and 12:40 pm in the concert hall right before the induction rehearsal. No contracts received after this date and time will be accepted.** \*If you have any questions or concerns about the contract, please contact one of your sponsors (Mr. benEzra, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Mallaney, or Ms. Wiseman) prior to the due date.\*

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Student email

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Student Phone Number

<sup>1</sup>Members are allowed one grace absence per semester for non-mandatory meetings. When possible, all absences should be communicated at least one week prior to the meeting through the NHS email account. If you miss more than one meeting a semester, you will be required to complete an additional 5 service hours per absence above your grace absence. If absences are persistent, your NHS membership may be revoked. Students are expected to be on time to each meeting regardless of rehearsal or performance schedules. Two meeting tardies will equal one absence. Please plan ahead.

<sup>2</sup>If you are unable to attend a service project, you must make up those hours either prior to the project or through an additional service project of your choice.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nhs.us/utility/about-us/constitution-and-governance/nhs-national-constitution>; Bylaws: <http://dsa.dpsk12.org/national-honor-society/>