**2016-2017 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 show up to all National Honor Society meetings, ceremonies, and events1. All currently scheduled dates are attached to this form.

**Mandatory**: Wednesday, September 7th  12:45 pm

Required Information Session for all current and prospective members about new NHS requirements and contract in the library

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First NHS meeting of the year in the library

**Mandatory**: Monday, Sept. 19th

Induction 6:00 in Concert Hall

Oct. 5th Meeting at lunch

Oct. 26th Meeting at lunch-Prep for Trick or Treat Street

**Mandatory**: Thursday, October 29th, 2015 4-7pm

Trick or Treat Street

Wednesday, Nov. 9th Meeting at lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 7th Meeting at lunch

**Mandatory: Friday, December 16-NHS Hours due**

Second Semester:

Wednesday, Jan. 25th Meeting at lunch

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd Meeting at lunch

Wednesday, March 15th Meeting at lunch

Wednesday, April 12th Meeting at lunch-Prep for Arts Day

**Mandatory**: Saturday, April 15th, 2016 9:00 am -1 pm

Community Arts Day

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NHS Hours due

**Mandatory**: Monday, May 8th

Stole Ceremony 3:30 pm

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

**ALL** service hours must be turned in using the available form on the designated due dates with an organization signature and phone number. Our sponsors will verify all service hours by calling the supplied contact number.

If you have completed summer hours, please provide a contact number for verification. All hours must have a supervisor that sponsors can call to verify hours. Summer hours are due by October 5th.

By completing over twenty hours of service in the fall semester, excess hours will count toward the spring semester. Excess spring hours, however, will not be carried on to the following year.

Five of the 20 required hours each semester may be DSA-related hours. DSA-related hours must be part of voluntary projects and cannot be already required by an artistic or academic teacher.

Internships cannot be counted.

One on one tutoring hours can count for as many hours as desired, but the parent of the tutored student must supply their signature and phone number for verification.

**III.** Attending Both NHS Service Projects

NHS hosts our Trick-or-Treat Street in the fall and our Community Arts Day in the spring. Attending these events is mandatory, and **DOES NOT** count for any required service hours. Excused absences must be verified **at least** two weeks prior2 and will be considered on a case by case basis. Unexcused absences will result in termination from NHS.

**IV.** Maintaining a 3.7 Unweighted ***or*** 4.8 Weighted GPA

If a member’s GPA falls below these requirements, they will be subject to a one-semester NHS probation period under the stipulation that the GPA return to the required level.

If after one semester a member’s GPA remains below the required level, they will therefore forfeit their membership.

By signing this contract:

I. I recognize that the National Honor Society is a nationally accredited organization and that upholding the values (scholarship, leadership, character and service) and ideals set forth by the NHS Constitution**3** and Bylaws is of utmost importance.  I sign inacknowledgement that I will to the best of my ability, uphold these values.

II. I acknowledge that, should I fail to uphold the requirements listed above, my membership will be terminated and understand that I will not be invited to rejoin NHS the year following the dismissal. Any member may present a dispute to the NHS Teacher Council to have them make a decision on behalf of the NHS organization. Should the matter still be in question after the council comes to a decision, the school principal will have the final say in the matter.

**This contract is due to Mr. Russell (room 220) by Tuesday, September 13th by by 3:00PM. No contracts received after this date will be accepted.** \*If there are any issues or concerns with the contract please contact your sponsors Mrs. Altekruse, Mr. benEzra, Ms. Hoff, or Mr. Russell prior to the first meeting.\*

Student signature                                                  Parent signature

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Student E-mail Student phone number

**1**Members are allowed one grace absence per semester for non-mandatory meetings. When possible all absences must 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 tardies to a meeting will be equal to one absence. Please plan ahead.

**2**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.

**3** *http://www.nhs.us/about-us/constitution-and-governance/nhs-national-constitution.aspx (Constitution); Bylaws:* [dsanhs.wix.com/site](http://dsanhs.wix.com/site)

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