

Corsica-Stickney National Honor Society Est.2015-16

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1) Purpose:

The purpose of the Corsica-Stickney chapter of the National Honor Society is to promote leadership, scholarship, character and service in our school and community. “This honor, recognized throughout the nation, is both the public recognition of accomplishment and the private commitment to continued excellence on the part of the member.”

2) Affiliation:

Our chapter is affiliated with the National Honor Society and abides by all the rules of the National Association.

3) Membership:

- a) A candidate must have attended Corsica-Stickney School for one semester to be eligible to apply.
- b) Any qualified sophomore, junior or senior may apply for membership.
- c) Students with a cumulative 3.3 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) over three consecutive semesters can apply for membership in the Corsica-Stickney chapter of NHS.
- d) The students must meet the requirements of scholarship, character and leadership to apply for membership.

4) Selection:

- a) The selection process begins with the students completing the information forms.
- b) The applications are rated and the selection of candidates to the Corsica-Stickney NHS chapter is made by a majority vote of the faculty advisory council.
- c) The Corsica-Stickney NHS advisor and principal are not eligible to vote for membership selection.

5) **Requirements for membership**

a) Scholarship

- i) The scholarship requirement is a cumulative 3.3 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) over three consecutive semesters.
- ii) Once you meet the scholarship requirement then you are now eligible for consideration on the basis of leadership and character.

b) Leadership

- i) We will look at leadership roles in both the school and community.
 - (1) The student who exercises leadership:
 - (a) Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
 - (b) Demonstrates an initiative in promoting school activities
 - (c) Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals
 - (d) Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
 - (e) Is able to delegate responsibilities
 - (f) Exemplifies positive attitudes
 - (g) Inspires positive behavior
 - (h) Demonstrates academic initiative
 - (i) Successfully holds school offices/positions of responsibility
 - (j) Is a leader in the classroom, work, and in other activities
 - (k) Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude

c) Character

- i) A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
- ii) In addition, it can also be said that the student of character:
 - (1) Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
 - (2) Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior
 - (3) Upholds principles of morality and ethics
 - (4) Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls etc.
 - (5) Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
 - (6) Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
 - (7) Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
 - (8) Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistake of others
 - (9) Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

6) Notification of Inductees

- a) Those students selected for membership in to the Corsica-Stickney NHS chapter are notified by the school district.
- b) A formal induction ceremony will occur each spring semester.
- c) Students who are eligible can apply for membership in either the fall or spring semester.

7) Maintaining Membership

- a) Once a student is selected for membership in the Corsica-Stickney chapter of the National Honor Society, they are making a commitment to uphold the characteristics of the society throughout their high school careers.
- b) Service
 - i) Service is generally considered those actions undertaken by the student, which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service.
 - (1) Examples of a person who shows service include:
 - (a) Volunteer and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
 - (b) Works well with others and is willing to take responsibilities
 - (c) Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
 - (d) Does committee and staff work without complaint
- c) All members should maintain high standards in character, leadership, scholarship and service.
 - i) A student who falls below the standards of a 3.3 grade point average (at any time after induction) will have one semester to reestablish their gpa. If he/she fails to do so, they will be removed from the Corsica-Stickney NHS chapter and are not eligible for reinstatement.
 - ii) During the semester of reinstatement, the student is not eligible to participate in the activities of the National Honor Society (i.e. induction ceremony, etc.).]

8) Types of Membership

- a) Student
 - i) Active members of the society
- b) Graduate
 - i) Upon graduation all active members become graduate members
- c) Honorary
 - i) The faculty council has the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, advisors, adults, students with disabilities, or foreign exchange students in recognition of achievement and/or outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purposes of the society.

- d) Transfer students
 - i) A NHS member who transfers to a school and brings a letter from the former principal or advisor shall be accepted as a member of the new school's chapter.
 - ii) Transfer students must meet the requirements of the chapter within one semester.

9) Principal

- a) The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.
- b) The principal shall appoint the faculty advisor.
- c) The principal shall appoint the faculty council, which is composed of five members of the school's faculty.
- d) The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and discipline or dismissal of members.

10) Faculty Chapter Advisor

- a) Responsible for supervising the direct activities of the society.
- b) Maintains the membership files, chapter history, activities etc.
- c) Completes and send in the annual report to the national office.
- d) Serves as a non-voting member of the faculty council.
- e) Regularly reviews each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

11) Activities

- a) The Corsica-Stickney NHS chapter will carry out service project(s) during the year.
- b) These activities are to promote and encourage service to the school and the community.
- c) All members are required to participate in the service project(s) of the society.

12) Discipline and Dismissal

- a) Discipline
 - i) Any student who falls below the standards of the NHS will be notified in writing from the faculty advisor of the violation and time period for improvement and warning of the possible consequences for non-improvement.
 - ii) The members are subject to dismissal if they do not maintain all the standards of the society.
 - iii) The faculty advisor will give limited warnings.
 - (1) In the case of a flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws, a warning is not required for dismissal.
 - (2) Any student who falls below the standards in any one of the areas of character, leadership, scholarship and service (during their high school career) will have a semester to reinstate their membership.
 - (a) Falling below standard could include:
 - (i) Failure to participate in a service project
 - (ii) Any violation of school or training rules

- (iii) Any unethical behavior (i.e. cheating)
- (iv) Failure to maintain a 3.3 gpa

(3) Semester of reinstatement

- (a) During the semester of reinstatement, the student is not eligible to participate in the activities of the National Honor Society (i.e. induction ceremony, etc.).

iv) Dismissal

- (1) A student who violates any one of the principals of the society a second time is subject to dismissal.
 - (a) A written notification of the reason for dismissal will be sent with the date and time of the pre-dismissal hearing.
 - (b) A pre-dismissal hearing of the faculty council will be held.
 - (i) The student has the right to “Due process” and may respond either in writing or orally.
 - (c) If the faculty council determines that there is a need for a dismissal, a hearing is scheduled and the member will be allowed to appear before the faculty council and explain the situation.
 - (d) If a member is dismissed, written notice of the decision is sent to the member, parent/guardian, and the principal.
 - (i) The member must surrender the NHS emblem and membership card to the faculty advisor.
 - (e) An appeal of the dismissal can be made to the school principal. The local school policy for appeals will be followed.

v) Resignation

- (1) Those students who resign from the NHS will never again be eligible for membership or its benefits.
- (2) Resignations should be submitted in writing with the signature of the member and parents/guardian.
- (3) All membership materials must be turned in to the faculty advisor.

13) Chapter Officers

- a) The members shall vote the following offices in the NHS chapter.
- b) President
- c) Vice-President
- d) Secretary/ Treasurer
- e) These offices comprise the executive committee of the NHS chapter.

14) Meetings

- a) Regular meetings
- b) Service projects

15) Bylaws

- a) All bylaws of this chapter will be followed.

Community Activities

List community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: church groups, clubs, volunteer groups, community events etc.

Community Activity	Number of Hours	Y	E	A	R	Accomplishments	Signature of adult supervisor
		9	10	11	12		

Work Experience, Recognition and Awards

List below any job experiences, honors, or recognitions that you received which support your bid to be selected for membership in the National Honor Society. Work experience can be paid or volunteer.

Job, Recognition or Award	Y 9	E 10	A 11	R 12	Group or Activity and number of hours spent on job or volunteer activity

National Honor Society

Write a short essay (typed, double-spaced) about why you feel you should be a member of the National Honor Society. Include information about any service or community projects that you have been involved with as well as your school and community activities. Your essay should not be longer than a page.