



BUCKEYE

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Prior to 2026, students must have a 3.4 cumulative weighted GPA to qualify for NHS. For the Class of 2026 and all subsequent classes, the GPA requirement for eligibility will be a 3.5 weighted GPA once they reach their junior year.

A confidential Faculty Council assists in determining membership based on established criteria:

- Demonstration of documented, verifiable leadership roles
- Demonstration of documented, verifiable service to the community and/or school
 - See below for **minimum requirements** to be considered for NHS
- Exemplary character, including but not limited to, in the past 12 months, no record of cheating, plagiarism, academic dishonesty, violating of school rules or civil offenses in the community
- An essay that highlights why the student is a worthy candidate for NHS selection
- Only students who have attended the school for the equivalent of one semester may be considered for membership, per the NHS Constitution.
 - Please review the remainder of this packet for details on the above.**
- Only list awards and activities that were completed **during your ninth grade year and after.**

THE PROCESS

1. Juniors and seniors who are eligible to submit their Candidate Submission Form will be notified via an assembly no sooner than October 1 and no later than November 15. Students will be notified about this assembly over the announcements and through email. Freshman and sophomores are not eligible to apply.
2. Once all Candidate Submission Forms have been received, a Teacher and School Counselor Form for NHS Candidate Evaluation sheet will be distributed to all staff members. Students will be evaluated in the **Leadership** and **Character** categories based on their Candidate Submission Forms as well as the qualities and the characteristics that they demonstrate throughout the school and in the community on a daily basis. The teaching and counseling staff will evaluate students on a 4-point scale, with 0 being the lowest and 4 being the highest. The staff can use ½ point increments if necessary.
3. For the **Service** category, the NHS adviser will verify all service hours with the main office based on the EHS Volunteer Logs that students turn in to the principal to document their volunteer hours. **NO OTHER SERVICE HOURS SHALL BE USED OTHER THAN WHAT ARE DOCUMENTED ON THE EHS VOLUNTEER LOG SHEET.** This information will be passed on to the Faculty Council, which they will use to help determine whether a candidate will become a member of NHS.
 - a. **Class of 2023 and Class of 2024: a minimum of 15 documented, verifiable hours on EHS Volunteer Log**
 - b. **Class of 2025: a minimum of 20 documented, verifiable hours on EHS Volunteer Log**
 - c. **Class of 2026 and beyond: a minimum of 25 documented, verifiable hours on EHS Volunteer Log**