

Ponte Vedra High School- Josh Frase Chapter
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Dear NHS Prospective Student,

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Our chapter has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Our chapter would like to inform you of the standards that will be considered as the basis for selection for the upcoming school year. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas.

To apply to NHS at Ponte Vedra High School you must be prepared to demonstrate the following:

1. **Scholarship:** Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning and willingness to spend the necessary time to cultivate his/ her mind in the quest for knowledge. This pillar can only be achieved through diligence and effort regardless of impending reward. **Therefore, keep in mind that to be accepted you must have a 3.75 weighted cumulative grade point average or higher.**
2. **Leadership:** Leaders take the initiative to aid others in a wholesome manner throughout their daily activities; they sacrifice their personal interests in order to yield to the needs of others; and need wisdom and self-confidence to affect change in all aspects of their lives. **Be able to explain specific examples that highlight your leadership abilities in school, classes, and in the community. Some examples of leadership can include, but are not limited to, leading group activities in the classroom and in the community, being an officer in a club, being a primary member of the band or choir, or being the captain of a sports team.**
3. **Service:** The pillar of service can be reached in a variety of ways. The willingness to work for the benefit of those in need without compensation or recognition of any kind is a quality that is essential in NHS members. As a service club, the National Honor Society is highly concerned with giving its all to the school and community at large. **To fulfill the requirements for acceptance you must have the following hours by the time you apply.**

Seniors: 30 hours

Juniors: 20 hours

Sophomores: 10 hours

4. **Character:** Character is what distinguishes one individual from another. It is the product of constant striving to make the right choices day after day. **Be able to explain how you demonstrate respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship in all of your actions in school, classes, and in the community. Start thinking about some examples that really highlight your character.**

In addition to the above criteria, you will have to acquire teacher and dean signatures to ensure that you have staff support and no disciplinary record.

NHS membership is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate these four outstanding pillars that result in a student's selection. We hope this helps as you prepare for next year, and we are looking forward to your eligibility of candidacy.

Sincerely,

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