

# *Sachem North High School National Honor Society*



2008~09

## Criteria for Initial Membership Selection

### I. Membership

Selection of potential students for membership is based on the four standards set forth by the National Honor Society. These standards **Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character** are outlined below. Students will receive a letter of eligibility in the fall of their junior year.

### II. Scholarship

Scholarship eligibility requires a **minimum overall weighted grade point average of a 90% and no course failures**. Once a student has been inducted as a member, he/she must maintain this 90% grade point average to continue membership in addition to fulfilling the service, leadership and character standards set by the NHS and Sachem High School North.

### III. Service

Each candidate must demonstrate his/her willingness and ability to be of service to their school and community. The extent and quality of involvement in extra-curricular activities will be evaluated. Service does not include any activities for which the student received pay or compensation for performing the task. Each candidate must present a **minimum of 2 activities, at least one of which must be school related**. In addition, every candidate will submit an essay describing in detail a charitable service that he/she has performed for either school or community.

### IV. Leadership and Character

Eligible students will be rated by their teachers, activity advisors and community supervisors on character and leadership based on their performance in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities.

### V. Selection

Selection of students for membership is the responsibility of the Faculty Council Board. This board consists of faculty members appointed by the administrator and the National Honor Society Advisors, who serve as ex-officio members and do not have a part in the actual selection of candidates. Names of Faculty Council members are confidential as set by the National Honor Society.

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## Criteria to Maintain Membership

### I. Academics:

Scholarship eligibility requires a **minimum overall weighted grade point average of a 90% and no course failures**. Once a student has been inducted as a member, he/she must maintain this 90% grade point average to continue membership in addition to fulfilling the service, leadership and character standards set by the NHS and Sachem High School North.

### III. Service

- A. . **Minimum of two school-based extracurricular activities** during the current school year. (Athletics and /or clubs).
- B. Any Honor Society Club **will not** fulfill this requirement
- C. Non-school based activities will be considered on an individual basis; however, such consideration is not a guarantee of acceptance to fulfill this requirement.

### III. SERVICE:

**A. Minimum of FOUR Service Projects due at different times of the year.** Any service activity that is not sponsored by the National Honor Society will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine eligibility to fulfill this requirement, however such consideration is not a guarantee of acceptance to fulfill this requirement.

### IV. TUTORING:

#### A. National Honor Society Homework Club:

As an honor society member you will be asked to attend at least one ninth period after school extra help session in a major of your choice. Room assignments and teacher listings are provided in the NHS 2008-09 Handbook and are available in the guidance office.

### V. MEETINGS:

**A. Attendance at Monthly Meetings is MANDATORY!** The meetings are very brief and will not interfere with other commitments. All extracurricular advisors are aware of our schedule and have agreed to your attendance at the monthly NHS Meetings. Passes will be given to those students with conflicting activities.

**Failure to fulfill the above requirements could result in suspension or dismissal from the National Honor Society.**