
Activity Details for the Concordia Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS).

For Use: Co-curricular planning

Division: High School

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Category: Student Life

Purpose: To help students in planning involvement with co-curricular activities; time management; prioritization of involvement; leadership development; commitment

Activity description: The purpose of National Honor Society is to recognize and create enthusiasm for scholarship, to recognize exceptional servant leaders and to stimulate a further desire to render service, to recognize and promote leadership, and to honor and develop character in the students who attend Concordia International School Shanghai.

Students who are selected as members of NHS have clearly met and exceeded the defining goals outlined in the school's four ESLRs: insightful learners and effective communicators, reflective spiritual beings, principle-centered leaders and team members, and active global citizens. The NHS ideals of scholarship, leadership, service, and character mirror and support the four ideals expressed within the ESLRs.

Role description: Membership in the Concordia Chapter of National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. Each candidate must meet the following criteria to apply to NHS:

- 1) The candidate must be at least a second semester sophomore who has completed 3 full semesters of high school.
- 2) The candidate must have attended Concordia for one full year (two semesters) or be a current NHS member in good standing at a previous school as evidenced by school transcripts.
- 3) The candidate must possess a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA. Candidates must also maintain this GPA to remain a member in good standing.
- 4) The candidate must have completed a minimum of 100 hours of community service during high school (beginning in August of freshman year).
- 5) The candidate must show evidence of outstanding leadership within the classroom, within the greater school community, and within the greater world community at large.
- 6) The candidate must possess outstanding character and personal integrity as evidenced by teacher recommendation and school discipline records.

Please Note: Once selected for membership, NHS members must attend meetings, fulfill service obligations, and maintain their GPA as well as their commitment to leadership, service, and integrity. Additionally, the NHS officers are selected by faculty committee based on an application process.

Time commitment: NHS members meet once a month as a group – at a 7:20 meeting on a day selected by the NHS officers. Additional meetings may be called in order to plan and prepare for specific projects or upcoming events. NHS officers meet as a select committee at least twice a month, as well as prior to the all-member meetings to plan the agenda. NHS members provide tutoring to other Concordia students after school on selected Wednesdays in the school library.

Other service projects: Service projects and fund raising efforts will be determined by the appointed NHS officers (in committee with faculty advisors) throughout the school year in which they serve.

Days out of school: None