

# Clinton Junior Senior High Chapter of the National Honor Society

## Policy and Regulations

### **I. Eligibility and Admittance:**

- A. Students in their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher are eligible for invitation to the CJSH chapter of the National Honor Society.
- B. Students who complete the application process will have their application reviewed by a committee of five previously appointed staff members. Students who receive a unanimous vote will receive a letter of acceptance and entrance into the society.
  - 1. Students will be judged on the quality of their application, including the following criteria:
    - a) Level of participation in school/community activities
    - b) How the student has served their school/community
    - c) The quality of the student's essay
    - d) Teacher recommendations
- C. Disqualifications from admittance can include anything from questions on a student's Character, Leadership, Service, or Academics (the four pillars of the National Honor Society as described on the NHS website)
- D. All applicants will be made aware of their application status after committee review.

### **II. Maintaining Good Standing:**

- A. Students admitted into the CJSH chapter of the National Honor Society must adhere to the following rules to maintain good standing. Any student found to be in violation of the following will be subject to potential disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the chapter.
  - 1. Attending all meetings
    - a) Exceptions can be made individually (illness, previous obligations, etc.).  
However, students should make an effort to attend as many meetings as possible.
  - 2. Participation in National Honor Society Activities
    - a) Students are expected to participate in as many activities as are available to them, including service opportunities and fundraising. Students with very low participation are subject to potential suspension or dismissal from the chapter.
  - 3. Service Hours
    - a) Honor Society Students are expected to complete at least ten extra service hours on top of graduation requirements.
      - (1) EXEMPTION: Current seniors of the 2025 graduating class.
  - 4. Maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 or higher throughout their membership in NHS.

### **B. Dismissal and Suspension**

- 1. Suspension: This is a temporary situation for students not currently meeting the expectations of good standing. Students who have been suspended will have a period of one month to correct the issue. Students who fail to correct their behavior will become ineligible for participation in NHS activities and face potential dismissal.
- 2. Dismissal: This is a formal expulsion from the CJSH chapter of the National Honor Society. As such, it follows a specific process.

- a) Suspension: The student will be given an official verbal and written warning.
  - b) Ineligibility: Students who fail to regain good standing criteria will be ineligible for the remainder of the academic semester until the committee can meet to discuss their standing. Students will be given a second verbal/written warning.
  - c) Committee Review: Any students who have become ineligible will be reviewed by the Committee, who will decide on disciplinary action. The student will be given a letter afterward to discuss the committee's final decision, any further action that needs to be taken, and when or if the student will be eligible to reapply for membership in subsequent academic years.
3. Potential Reasons for Suspension/Dismissal
- a) Lack of attendance at meetings, school, or other required NHS events
    - (1) This also includes an overall lack of participation in NHS-sponsored activities
  - b) Lackluster displays of character: This can include Major referrals, Teacher/Staff Concerns, or failure to follow the **Extra Curricular Code of Conduct**
  - c) Dropped GPA:
    - (1) Students whose GPA falls below 3.5 for more than two consecutive grading periods (semesters) will be suspended from NHS.
    - (2) Students whose GPA falls below 3.5 for more than three consecutive semesters will be dismissed from the chapter following committee review.

### III. Roles and Leadership Positions

- A. Students who run for NHS officers must understand and comply with the expectations and obligations of that position. These responsibilities are extra on top of membership obligations. Officers are not exempt from individual service hours, chapter projects, or attendance requirements.
- 1. President: The president of National Honor Society has many responsibilities, including:
    - a) Presiding over meetings
    - b) Oversees all chapter activities
    - c) Representing the NHS at school events and/or speaking engagements
    - d) Helps to plan activities for NHS calendar year
    - e) Meets regularly with NHS other officers and NHS advisors.
  - 2. VicePresident
    - a) Presides in the absence of the president
    - b) Keeps attendance records & helps members remain in "good standing."
    - c) Helps to plan activities for NHS calendar year
    - d) Meets regularly with other officers and NHS advisors
  - 3. Treasurer
    - a) Keeps accurate records of all chapter transactions
    - b) Helps create budget guides for NHS activities
    - c) Meets regularly with other officers and NHS advisors
  - 4. Secretary
    - a) Keeps accurate and detailed minutes for all chapter meetings
    - b) Collects and manages pictures and media from chapter activities and events
    - c) Meets regularly with other officers and the NHS advisors.