

## Review of NHS responsibilities 2021-2022

Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership are expected to continually demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership, and character by which they were selected.

National Honor Society at Jefferson/Silva Magnet requires that students do the following:

- ❖ Maintain the standards by which they were selected (i.e. continued performance at or above the 90.0 GPA, service, leadership and character).
- ❖ Attend all NHS meetings. There are only two absences allowed with a written excuse given to the sponsor.
- ❖ Complete a minimum of **25 community service hours** and **15 school service hours per semester**.
- ❖ All members are required to participate in **one annual school AND one community group project** organized by the officers
- ❖ Pay yearly dues \$10 on time.
- ❖ Attend homecoming decorating events if NHS is participating
- ❖ Attend the NHS induction ceremony

If these requirements are not met, the member runs the risk of being placed on probation or of being dismissed. **Any senior placed on probation the second semester will not wear the NHS collar for graduation and will not get a refund.** Member can only be placed on probation once.

**SERVICE HOURS:** check with your NHS sponsor if you have any doubts concerning the validity of any service hours.

### SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS:

- Volunteer hours given to serve Jefferson/Silva high school.
- These hours need to be served before school or after school (**not during school time**)
- Time either required or implicit for course credit or courtesy is not considered NHS volunteer time.
  - To complete school service hours, the school clubs or organizations can:
    - ✓ Organize a school health fair
    - ✓ Run a school clean-up campaign
    - ✓ Usher school events
    - ✓ Plan freshman/new student orientation
    - ✓ Set up a consistent peer tutoring program (not on a one to one basis, but must involve a group of 5 or more students and supervised by a teacher)
- The school service hours can be obtained by joining the following school clubs or organizations:
  - PRACTICES OR MEETINGS DO NOT COUNT!!**
  - Band/orchestra/choir (i.e. marching at football games, Saturday or after school competitions)
  - Flags
  - Drill team
  - Cheerleaders
  - Fox mascot
  - Team sport (as a member or manager)
  - Trainers
  - Clubs: (**NOTE: MEETINGS DON'T COUNT**)
    - HOSA(not the health science rotations or preceptorships)
    - Mu alpha theta
    - Future Teachers of America
    - French club

- Student council
- Class council
- Latin/Spanish/French club
- Clown Internship
- FBLA
- Close-up
- Youth leadership club
- ETC

**\*any activity performed during class time or for which you receive school credit/courtesy will not count.**

**COMMUNITY HOURS:** (volunteer hours which benefit **the local COMMUNITY AT LARGE**).

- These hours must be completed before/after school, weekends, or holidays.
- **The following will not count as community hours:**
  - services toward one individual
    - ✓ Tutoring a relative/neighbor or one student
    - ✓ Baby-sitting without charge
    - ✓ Cleaning a neighbor's yard/house, or running errands for them
    - ✓ **Helping an individual teacher file, grade papers etc**
    - ✓ **Helping an individual at their work place: banks, offices, construction companies, car wash, swap meets, doctor's office, law office, etc.**
- Your community hours must come **FROM A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**
  - Church activities/groups
  - Hospitals
  - Nursing homes
  - Shelters
  - Hospice
  - Group organized neighborhood clean up
  - Scout troops, etc.
- ❖ **Forms for service verification are available from the NHS sponsor, any officer or the webpage.**
- ❖ **The sponsor has the final approval of acceptability of school or community service hours.**
- ❖ **A letter-head or business card must be attached to the community hour form.**
- ❖ **If there is any doubt as to the acceptability of the service hours, it should be handled in advanced of service rendered.**