

FREEPORT AREA HIGH SCHOOL

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

(as of 9/8/2023)

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Requirement questions should be directed via email or in-person to Mr. Beneigh.

Completed portfolios are due to Mrs. O'Shell in the School Counseling/Athletic Office no later than Wednesday, January 10, 2024 by 2:41pm.

TO BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF YOU!

EXPECTATIONS FOR NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Freeport Chapter of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of Freeport Area Senior High School. These four principles shape the organization's activities and are reflected in the members' responsibilities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Freeport Chapter of the National Honor Society is to bring together a group of highly intelligent and mature students that have the ability to:

1. Promote a high level of scholarship within the Freeport Area School District.
2. Provide community service that has a direct impact on the greater Freeport community.
3. Become role models for younger students and peers in the Freeport Area School District through various leadership roles.
4. Display high standards of character through their interactions with students, faculty and community members.

YOUR GOAL: TO BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF YOU!

TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP FOR GRADUATION CONFERRAL AND NHS HONORS

- 1) Scholarship Academic Check (checked by Faculty)
 - a. Maintain 3.8 GPA or higher during this academic year through graduation
- 2) Service After School Activity and Tutoring/Service Check
 - a. Actively participate in 1 or more, non-compensated after school activities during this academic year
 - b. All activities must be completed after school hours (clubs do not count)
 - c. 10+ tutoring sessions or 10+ hours of community service (a combination of the two to make a total of 10 hrs is also acceptable)
- 3) Leadership Check
 - a. Provide the Post-Graduation Action Plan to show how continued leadership goals are planned for the future
 - b. Display your writing style and proficiency in answering detailed questions
- 4) Character Check: checked during each semester until graduation (checked by Faculty)
 - a. Cleared by faculty for behavior, plagiarism, or cheating infractions
 - i. Infractions must be documented and communicated throughout the school year with administration and/or parents
 - b. Cleared by the office for extensive unexcused absences or late arrivals
 - i. 9 pts maximum over academic year
 1. Unexcused tardy is 1 point, each time
 2. Unexcused absence is 3 points, each time

Missing items or not fulfilling requirements per marking period will result in probation or removal from this NHS chapter prior to the graduation ceremony.

Rubric and Appeals Policy:

All students will receive rubric scores (for acceptance and not acceptance).

- *Based on the three categories (Scholarship/Service/Character), these are objective scores (aka, it is what it is based on one's work and documentation).*
- *The leadership interview responses will be judged by five faculty committee members (blind readings without student names). The average score will provide the score for the Leadership category (average scores above 3.5 will receive 4 points; average scores below 3.49 will receive 3 points; and so on).*
- *The rubric is the final and most important reference for making decisions.*
- *Appeals should be addressed to the faculty advisor. Any appeals must be emailed to beneigh@freeport.k12.pa.us within two calendar days after the formal letter is distributed with a detailed explanation to the faculty committee regarding the reason for the appeal and what additional information should be considered (as it relates to the rubric scoring).*
- *Final appeal decisions will be made by the building principals.*

Dates to Remember

Friday, September 8, 2023

Current Member Meeting (WIN Time)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Current Member Portfolio Due to Mrs. O'Shell

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Final date to receive all final decisions about acceptance

Week of February 19th, TBD

Meeting (WIN Time - officers) to prepare Ceremony items

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Meeting (WIN Time) for Mandatory Ceremony practice

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7pm Ceremony (HS Auditorium)

FREEPORT NHS - CURRENT MEMBER PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

All portfolio items must be submitted at one time, on time by
Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

All portfolio items must be in a manila folder, in order, not stapled nor
hole-punched.

On the outside of the manila folder, please include your Student Name only.
Manila folders can be provided by Mrs. O'Shell upon request.

- **Page 1: Cover Page**
 - Full Name (no nicknames)
 - Current Grade Level
 - FHS National Honors Society Portfolio
 - CURRENT Member - 2024
 - Student Signature and Date
- **Page 2: Rubric**
 - Include the rubric (last page of this packet) after the Cover Page within this portfolio
- **Page 3: After School Activity and Service/Tutoring**
 - Please have this item on a separate page, after the Cover Page.
 - *Please review the minimum requirements on previous pages in this packet.*
 - State your name, include the date and your signature
 - **School-sponsored clubs will NOT count as extracurricular activities** (Ski Club, Key Club, Newspaper, Robotics, etc.)
 - Create a table or list, including the following information:
 - i. Activities Involved *during this academic year* (non-compensated)
 - ii. When you were involved in this activity
 - iii. What your involvement consisted within this activity (be specific)
 - iv. Contact Information for Sponsor/Coach (Phone Number *and* Email)
 - v. State if it is School Related or Non-School Related
- **Page 4: Leadership Post-Graduation Plan**
 - Please start this portion on a separate page, after the Activity Check.
 - State your name, include the date and your signature
 - Answer each question, following these guidelines:
 - Restate the question (do not rewrite the question itself)
 - Number each response (as shown below)
 - Times New Roman, 12-font, double-spaced, 1" margins
 - 150-200 words per response required
 - embed your leadership experiences (be specific) into these responses*
 1. Describe your most meaningful leadership experience during this academic year.
 2. What qualities do you have to show your leadership after graduation?
 3. What is your game plan (aka next step)? How will you fulfill it?
 4. What community-based service activities have you completed since your NHS induction last year? How did they impact your future views on servant leadership?
 5. If someone evaluated your character during this school year, how would he/she describe you? Why?

SEE THE RUBRIC PAGE TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO MEET THE MINIMUM
STANDARDS TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE GRADUATION
CEREMONY (13+ PTS)

NHS Tutoring Tracker (for CURRENT 12th-Grade Members)

Student Name _____

*****Please submit this document with your completed portfolio in February.*****

Date	Which faculty/staff member did you assist?	Whom did you help? What did you help do?	Faculty/Staff Initial & Date

What counts for tutoring:

-Email high school teachers for opportunities to assist peers during WIN or Study Halls

-If interested in helping tutor every Wednesday at the Middle School (with Mrs. Fello for math classes), please contact Mrs. Bogan bogan@freeport.k12.pa.us.

You will be excused from WIN Time at the High School to tutor at the Middle School, but you must have reliable transportation.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

FREEPORT NHS - CURRENT MEMBER RUBRIC FOR GRADUATION CONFERRAL

STUDENT FULL NAME _____

ACADEMIC CHECK

- 4 points – 3.8 GPA or higher (from all marking periods thus far)
- 2 points – 3.5-3.79 GPA (from all marking periods thus far); 1 honors-level course throughout this academic year
- 0 points – did not meet GPA standard; did not participate in honors-level courses

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITY & TUTORING/SERVICE CHECK

ALL ACTIVITIES MUST BE NON-COMPENSATED

- 4 points – at least 1 afterschool activity during this academic year AND 10+ tutoring sessions or 10 hours of community service (a combination of the two to make a total of 10 hrs is also acceptable)
- 2 points - missing one component: either 1 afterschool activity OR 9 hours/sessions or less of service/tutoring
- 0 points – did not meet standard

LEADERSHIP POST-GRADUATION PLAN

- 4 points – provides substantive responses; 1 leadership experience during senior year
- 3 points – provides some substantive responses & 1 leadership experience during senior year
- 2 points - provides little substantive responses & did not provide leadership experience
- 0 points – did not meet standard

INTEGRITY CHECK

- 4 points – 9 or less points on attendance scale AND no disciplinary actions (cheating/plagiarism)
- 3 points - 10 points on attendance scale OR 1 disciplinary action (cheating/plagiarism)
- 2 points – 11+ points on attendance scale OR 1 disciplinary action (cheating/plagiarism)
- 1 point - 11+ points on attendance scale AND 1 disciplinary action (cheating/plagiarism)
- 0 points – 11+ points or more on attendance scale AND/OR 2+ disciplinary actions

TOTAL POINTS EARNED _____

***MUST MEET 13 POINTS OR MORE TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP. EXPLANATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS NOT RECEIVING THE NHS MEDAL FOR GRADUATION WILL BE BASED OFF OF THIS RUBRIC.*