

Labette County High School  
National Honor Society  
By – Laws

1. **Purpose:**

The object of this chapter shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in all students at Labette County High School.

2. **Affiliation:**

Our chapter is affiliated with the National Honor Society and abides by all rules of the National Association.

3. **Membership:**

- a) A candidate must have attended Labette County High School for one semester to be eligible to apply.
- b) Any qualified sophomore, junior, or senior may apply for membership.
- c) Students with a cumulative 3.25 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and no C's over 3 consecutive semesters can apply for membership in the Labette County chapter of NHS.
- d) The students must meet the requirements of scholarship, character, and leadership to apply for membership.

4. **Selection:**

- a) The selection process begins with the student completing the information forms.
- b) The applications are rated and the selection of candidates to the LCHS NHS chapter is made by a majority vote of the faculty advisory council.

5. **Requirement for Membership:**

a) **Scholarship**

- i. The scholarship requirement is a cumulative 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and no C's over three consecutive semesters.
- ii. Once you meet the scholarship requirement then you are now eligible for consideration on the basis of leadership.

b) **Leadership**

- i. A student must be actively involved in three activities from at least two different categories. The categories of extracurricular activities are: school sponsored clubs, athletics, and fine arts (band, choir, and drama).

c) **Character**

- i. A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
- ii. In addition it can also be said that a student of character:
  - Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
  - Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior
  - Upholds principles of morality and ethics

- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instruction and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work and showing unwillingness to profit by mistake of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

6. **Notification of Inductees:**

- a) Those students selected for membership in to the LCHS NHS chapter are notified by the school district.
- b) A formal induction ceremony will occur each spring semester.
- c) Students who are eligible can apply for membership in either the fall or spring semester.

7. **Maintaining Membership:**

- a) Once a student is selected for membership in the LCHS chapter of NHS, they are making a commitment to uphold the characteristics of the society throughout their high school careers.
- b) Each member must fulfill a minimum of 40 points per year. One half of those or 20 points must be for NHS sponsored activities.
- c) Points may be obtained according to the following table:

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
Attendance, regular meeting	1
Regular meeting, tardy	1/2
Missed meeting	0
NHS local officer	10
Committee Chairperson, per hour	4
Active Committee member, per hour	2
Individual Community Service, per hour	1
Tutoring individual, per hour	2
Club Community Service, per hour (required)	2
ACT score 29 or above	10
Kansas Scholar Honor Roll	2
All A's, per semester	2

- d) Each member is required to attend at least one meeting per semester.
- e) Presidents and Vice Presidents of other 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday clubs are required to attend only one meeting due to conflicts.
- f) All members should maintain high standards in character, leadership, scholarship, and service.
  - i. A student who falls below the standards of a 3.25 GPA (at any time after induction) will have one semester to reestablish their GPA. If he/she fails to do so, they will be removed from the LCHS NHS chapter and are not eligible for reinstatement.

ii. During the semester of reinstatement, the student is not eligible to participate in the activities of NHS. (i.e. induction ceremony, etc.)

8. **Types of Membership:**

- a) Student
  - i. Active member of the society.
- b) Graduate
  - i. Upon graduation, all active members become graduate members.
- c) Honorary
  - i. The faculty council has the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, advisors, adults, or foreign exchange students in recognition of achievement and/or outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purpose of the society.
- d) Transfer Students
  - i. An NHS member that transfers to a school and brings a letter from the former principal or advisor shall be accepted as a member of the new school's chapter.
  - ii. Transfer students must meet the requirements of the chapter within one semester.

9. **Principal:**

- a) The principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter.
- b) The principal shall appoint the faculty advisor.
- c) The principal shall appoint the faculty council, which is composed of five members of the school's faculty.
- d) The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and discipline or dismissal of members.

10. **Faculty Chapter Advisor:**

- a) Responsible for supervising the direct activities of the society.
- b) Completes and sends in the annual report to the national office.
- c) Serves as non-voting member of the faculty council.
- d) Regularly reviews each member for compliance with Society standards and obligations.

11. **Activities:**

- a) The Labette County NHS chapter will carry out service project(s) during the year.
- b) These activities are to promote and encourage service to the school and the community.
- c) All members are required to participate in the service project(s) of the society.

12. **Dismissal:**

- a) Members who fall below the standards, which were the basis for their selection, shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter advisor. (Example: suspension, GPA below 3.25)
- b) The member may be given a reasonable amount of time to correct, except in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned.
- c) The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.
- d) In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council.
- e) For the purpose of dismissal, a majority vote of the faculty council is required.

f) A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council to the principal.

13. **Resignation:**

- a) Those students who resign from the NHS will never again be eligible for membership or benefits.
- b) Resignation should be submitted in writing with the signature of the member and parents/guardian.
- c) All membership materials must be turned in to the faculty advisor.

14. **Chapter Officers/Duties:**

**a) President**

- i. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter.
- ii. The president is responsible for maintaining the senior membership folder.

**b) Vice – President**

- i. The vice – president shall preside in the absence of the president.
- ii. Should the office of president become vacant for any reason, the vice – president shall become the president for the remainder of the president’s term of office.

**c) Secretary**

- i. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings.

**d) Treasurer**

- i. The treasurer shall keep a record of all business and activities.

**e) Historian**

- i. The historian, with the aid of the committee, shall keep a record of all chapter activities including: photos, newspaper articles, etc. and make posts of NHS approved social media accounts.

15. **Meetings:**

- a) Regular meetings
- b) Service projects

16. **By – Laws:**

- a) All by – laws of this chapter will be followed.
- b) Changes to the by – laws can be made by a majority vote and approval by the faculty council.