

Science National Honor Society

America has been honoring brilliant students through honor societies since 1921. Educators began to notice the need for subject specific honor societies in America's high schools in the 1980's. Since then, new honor societies have sprung up to recognize and encourage students in such areas as English, Art, French, and Spanish. Now, there is a national honor society for Science. In this era of rapidly changing technologies and scientific advancement, it is time to encourage and recognize high school students in the Sciences. It is time for the Science National Honor Society:

Science National Honor Society Vision

SNHS is a prominent scientific organization that will engender a new group of young thinkers who will be the future of industry, research, and scientific exploration for America.

We pledge to:

- Encourage and recognize scientific and intellectual thought
- Advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science
- Communicate with the scientific community
- Aid the civic community with its comprehension of science
- Encourage students to participate in community service and in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all humankind

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student.

Section 2 – A member must be in the last two years of secondary school education.

Section 3 – A member must have an overall 3.5 (un-weighted) GPA.

Section 4 – A member must have taken all regents science courses up to and including Regents Chemistry prior to their eleventh grade year. A member must be taking

either Regents Physics or a Science AP course during both the eleventh grade and twelfth grade years.

(ie: By graduation, a member must have taken at minimum either all four Regents courses and one AP course or three Regents and two AP course.)

Section 5 – A member must have an un-weighted 3.6 Science GPA.

Section 6 – A student who transfers to Pawling High School in her junior year must complete one academic year at Pawling High School to be considered for membership.

Section 7 – A member must maintain behaviors that are acceptable to the guidelines of their educational institution.

Section 8 – All members must attend at least two local chapter officer’s lecture annually.

Section 9 – Regular members may give a lecture with the chapter advisor’s approval.

SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1 – Candidates may be selected in any manner deemed reasonable and fair by the Principal.

Section 2 – Candidates may only be accepted upon adherence to the policies of membership outlined in this constitution and the club bylaws.

Section 3 – Prior to selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students’ academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. Students who are eligible scholastically (“candidates”) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the Student Application Form for further consideration.
- c. A panel of teachers shall be requested to evaluate the candidates determined to be scholastically eligible and willing to participate in chapter functions.

- d. A panel of teachers shall review the Student Application in order to determine membership, evaluating the candidate including, but not limited to:

Timely submission of assigned work

Consistently high quality classwork

Classroom leadership

Section 4 – Once selected and registered, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected and maintain all obligations of membership.

Section 5 – An active member of the Science National Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of her membership, signed by the chapter advisor.

An active member of the Science National Honor Society who transfers to this school will be accepted for membership in this chapter when proof of membership is provided. The advisor(s) shall grant to the transferring member one quarter to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain her membership.

MEMBERS' DUTIES

Section 1 – Membership dues will be determined annually based on the activities planned by the advisor.

Section 2 – Members shall attend 80% of all regular meetings.

Section 3 – Members shall attend at least two lectures by an officer or guest speaker per school year.

Section 4 – Members shall participate in 90% of major SNHS projects.

Section 5 – Members will earn a minimum of five hours per semester of club-related community service deemed appropriate by chapter advisors.

Section 6 – Every member must participate in all the general fundraising activities and or participate in a special fundraising committee.

DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Section 1 – A student may be dismissed if she violates the standards, obligations, or ideals of the Science National Honor Society. This includes violation of grade or behavioral requirements as outlined in Article VII, Sections 2 through 8.

Section 2 – Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship and fails to maintain the other requirements of membership may be considered for dismissal from the Pawling High School Science National Honor Society. A member of the Science National Honor Society is expected to maintain her academic standing and take an active role in service and scientific leadership to her school and community.

Section 3 – If a member's cumulative GPA falls below the standard in effect when she was selected, she will be given a written warning and one semester for improvement. If the cumulative GPA remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the advisor(s), which may include consideration of dismissal from the chapter.

Section 4 – If a member fails to perform any of the published obligations of membership, she will be given a written warning and a time period for improvement (nine weeks). If the obligation remains unmet at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the advisor(s) which may include dismissal from the chapter.

Section 5 – Violation of the law will result in dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities. Offenders of the behavioral expectations as stated in the Student Handbook will receive a warning. Academic probation or suspension will result in dismissal from the chapter.

Section 6 – In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The member will receive written notification indicating the reason for possible dismissal from the advisor. The member and advisor will discuss the written notification in a conference. Situations that involve flagrant violation of school rules or the law can warrant disciplinary action without a written warning, although a conference must still be held.
- b. The member will be given the opportunity to respond to the charge against her at the conference. The advisor has the right to dismiss any student from the Science National Honor Society for misconduct or failure to maintain society requirements.
- c. Dismissed members must surrender any membership emblems to the advisor.
- d. When a student is dismissed or resigns, she is no longer a member and may not be reconsidered for membership in the Science National Honor Society.

Section 7 – Dismissal is approved and carried out by the chapter advisor(s). In lieu of dismissal, the advisor(s) may impose disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate.

Section 8 – Upon dismissal, the student is divested of all benefits of membership.

Section 9 – A student may appeal dismissal by submitting a written request to the Director of the High School.