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### General Questions:

#### **What is the National Honor Society?**

The National Honor Society (NHS) at Proviso Math and Science Academy is a prestigious organization that recognizes students excelling in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. It's an honor and a commitment, encouraging members to engage in community service and develop leadership skills, reflecting our school's values of academic excellence and civic responsibility.

#### **Can internship hours count towards NHS service hours?**

No, internships are not considered volunteer service.

#### **What is not considered as volunteer service?**

Work done for financial gain, job training, family service, or as part of a non-service club requirement.

#### **Can performance in school groups count as service?**

Generally, no, unless it's a community service activity. The opportunity must be optional and not a requirement of the organization.

#### **Are there specific types of volunteer work NHS prioritizes?**

NHS values work that shows leadership, community involvement, and service to others.

#### **Who can students contact for more information about NHS?**

NHS Advisor, Brooke Helpley, at [bhelpley@pths209.org](mailto:bhelpley@pths209.org).

### Application and Eligibility:

#### **What are service hours in terms of NHS at LFHS?**

Volunteer service can mean different things to different people. At Proviso Math and Science Academy, volunteer service is defined as any work done for the benefit of others without any direct financial, material, or personal compensation or gain.

#### **When can students apply for NHS?**

Eligibility starts at the end of the second semester of Freshmen year. Invitations are sent in the fall of the following school year to students with an unweighted 3.7 GPA.

#### **What is the application process and deadline for NHS?**

The application process involves a written description of service hours and leadership positions as well as two teacher recommendations. The application process must be completed personally by the student.

**What happens if students are invited but do not apply or are not admitted?**

If students do not apply or are not admitted, students can reapply the following year if invited.

Service Hours:

**What counts as volunteer service?**

Service that benefits others without financial, material, or personal gain.

**How can students prove their service hours?**

Through signatures, screenshots, or documentation from service organizations. We highly recommend obtaining some sort of physical or digital proof at the time of service. Please store this information in SharePoint (Word), Email, or on another platform.

**Are there limits on hours from a single event or organization?**

Yes, there's a cap of 15 hours per grade-level year from one event or organization. If you are completing service hours through a single event or organization (example- Beacon Place, Feed my Starving Children, Hospital Work, Coaching, Timing, etc.), hours are capped at 15 hours per grade-level year. You can get all your hours from this organization, but it must be through multiple years

**Can volunteer work for family members count?**

No, service for family members does not qualify.

**Limitations, Caps, Specifics, Etc.**

Community-Based Organizations: Work for religious or political groups isn't counted unless it's community outreach like soup kitchens, food drives, or mission trips.

Scout Awards: Work for personal Boy Scout or Girl Scout awards doesn't count.

Tech Crew: Hours for regular school productions don't count.

Club/Team Activities: Required activities do not count.

Classwork: Work done for class credit or extra credit does not count.

*Volunteer hours are defined as any work done for the benefit of others without any direct financial, material, or personal compensation or gain. You must do these hours voluntarily.*

## Being an Active Member of NHS

### **What happens after induction into NHS?**

Members must continue contributing to community service and leadership. Students will be asked to complete service hours, attend monthly meetings, and continue to achieve a 3.7 Unweighted GPA.

### **What kind of leadership roles can members take in NHS?**

Members can be elected to a 3-member executive committee for daily operations.

### **What are the requirements for NHS membership?**

A minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA, evidence of volunteer service, strong leadership, and good character.

*For further details, students and guardians are encouraged to contact the NHS advisor at [bhelpley@pths209.org](mailto:bhelpley@pths209.org). Thank you!*