

2012 – 2013 National Honor Society Point System and GPA Requirements

National Honor Society at Carson High School is based on a points system as well as academic achievement. Every service activity counts towards your total accumulation of points.

Each member must maintain a **cumulative grade point average of 3.45 or above**. Failure to maintain this requirement will result in a warning letter after which you will have one semester to raise your GPA. If the GPA requirement is not met after that semester you will be dismissed from NHS.

Each member is responsible for accumulating **25 points** by May, 2012

We have some **mandatory** activities worth points and some **voluntary** activities of your choice worth points also.

Mandatory Points:

| Event | Points | Description |
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| Monthly Meetings | $\frac{1}{2} \times 9 = 4\frac{1}{2}$ | First Wednesday of each month |
| Dues | 1 | Due by October 31 st , new members by December 1 st |
| Induction Ceremony | 1 | October 1 st , 6:30 p.m. – Big Gym |
| Fall Blood Drive | 2 | October 9 th – Small Gym |
| Winter Blood Drive | 2 | January 31 st - Library |
| Spring Blood Drive | 2 | May 16 th – Small Gym |
| Raffle Tickets – one book of 10 | 1 | November 1 st – November 21 st (drawing Nov. 28 th) |
| Craft Fair | at least 1 | November 16 th and November 17 th |
| One Christmas Project | 1 | To be announced later |
| Total Mandatory Points | $15\frac{1}{2}$ | |

So you have to come up with $9\frac{1}{2}$ points of your choosing. We post on line and on the bulletin board volunteer opportunities in which you can participate.

1. Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are mandatory. It is the only time we meet as a large group to go over information. If you cannot make a meeting you must let Ms. Brown know by emailing her (lbrown@carson.k12.nv.us) the reason you were gone so we can excuse from the meeting. If you miss a meeting, stop by the bulletin board to pick agenda or look on line.

2. Dues

The collection of dues is mandatory by the National Office of National Honor Society. The dues help us pay for items necessary to run our local chapter and the use of NHS materials. We also use dues to offer scholarships. If you are having financial difficulties paying the dues on time please talk to Mrs. Glenn or Ms. Brown immediately. We can work out different arrangements.

3. Induction Ceremony

Induction of new members into the National Honor Society is an important event for the student, the chapter, and the school. The ceremony provides an excellent opportunity to dramatize the purposes of the chapter. All current members are required to attend to support and encourage the new members. Please mark your calendars. Your parents and family are welcome to attend.

Induction Ceremony

Date: October 1st

Place: CHS Big Gym

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: TBA

4. Blood Drives

This is a long standing tradition at CHS. We will have three blood drives this year. Please refer to the dates above. Your participation is vital for successful blood drives. You can donate blood yourself, or recruit a donor. Your donor can be a student at CHS, a parent, or a community member. In conjunction with the donor we provide refreshments. Please bring a loaf of bread and a peanut butter jar, a jar of jam, crackers, or individual pre-packaged snacks. Please try to limit the number of cookies and bring healthy snacks. A case of water is very helpful and appreciated. We donate all the unopened food items at the end of the blood drive.

If you don't participate in the blood drive, two points will be subtracted from your total. So plan ahead and try to recruit more than one donor.

5. Raffle Tickets

At the end of last year you all worked to get items for our raffle. The raffle will be in November. Raffle ticket books will be in groups of 10 and they will sell for \$1 a ticket. You are required to sell at least one book of raffle tickets. This raffle is one of our major fundraisers this year. Last year we gave away \$5300 worth of scholarships to our graduating seniors. The winners of the raffle will be notified by mail so be sure to get their addresses.

6. Christmas Projects

For over a decade CHS Honor Society has been participating in the local **Toys for Tots Drives**. Each year our chapter provided over 200 toys to the organization. Over 6,000 children in Carson, Dayton, and Douglas County utilized the program for Christmas. **You will earn one point for every toy that you bring for the toy drive.**

Operation Gratitude – sending care packages to our troops overseas. We hope to expand this project this year. Donations will be accepted from October to December. Look for specific dates in your monthly agendas.

7. Craft Fair

Craft Fair will be held on **November 16 - 17**. We need students to help load and set up crafters. It starts at 1 p.m. (you can start helping out if you don't have the last period) and going until 4:30 p.m. on Friday and 4 – 6 p.m. on Saturday. We could also use students to put up flyers and posters around town the week before the event. The craft fair is held by Carson PTA. The funds raised at this event go back to each of the clubs that help with it. **This is a great way for us to earn money and help the community.**

Other events NHS will support this year:

We are constantly posting volunteer opportunities on the website, on the bulletin board, and include them into our monthly agenda. Here are some examples of such opportunities. Details and dates will be available later.

1. Coat Drive

We have sponsored coat drive to the last several years to help children in our community to stay warm during winter months. We would like to continue that tradition focusing on sizes for babies and toddlers, small children's sizes for elementary school children. We are not collecting adult coat sizes this year. This will start at the end of October and will run through November.

2. Tutoring

We will have more information as to which schools need tutors soon. We are also often asked to help out in the libraries: either to read to younger children or help organize the materials. You are always welcome to help any teacher with their work load with students. Let me know who you may be assisting so it will be official. You cannot get points for being a teacher's aide here at the high school or if you are paid.

3. Volunteering in the community

We will post various volunteer opportunities in the community but you are very welcome to volunteer on your own. Remember to take a volunteer slip and get it signed by an adult in charge. You will get points if you volunteer for a nonprofit organization or if it is a for-profit organization involved in some nonprofit community function and you are part of it. **In general, the community (does not matter how small) should benefit from your services, not a for-profit entity.**