Welcome to what we hope will be a successful and rewarding year for all the new National Honor Society members. Membership in the NHS is a privilege based upon scholarship, service, character, and leadership. In order for you to maintain good standing in the society, please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines.

**Scholarship:**

You are required to maintain a minimum cumulative average of 90. If your average falls below 90, you will be on probation. You will have one marking period to revive your average, although the probation will remain. If you cannot do so, you will **forfeit** your NHS membership.

**NOTE:** If you are enrolled in **three or more** college credit courses, you may hold an **85 cumulative** average without jeopardizing your membership.

**Service:**

You are required to perform ten (10) hours of community or school service (non-profit) per quarter. **Five out of the ten hours must be school service.** School service can include bake sale, peer tutoring, or events held at school that NHS supports. Signed proof of service by an adult supervisor of a legitimate club or organization must be submitted in a timely fashion in the NHS collection box. The service form can be printed from the NHS website, found under MacArthur Clubs and Activities.

If you do not meet the service requirement, you will be placed on probation, and will have one week to make up the deficiency, although the probation will remain. If you cannot do so, you will **forfeit** your NHS membership.

**Character and Leadership:**

You are expected to maintain the high level of leadership and character that qualified you for membership. Your behavior, on or off school grounds, may be cause for probation or immediate dismissal if it reflects questionable choices or poor judgment. OSS, for example, is usually immediate dismissal from the NHS.
**Attendance:**

You are required to attend each monthly meeting AND the annual induction ceremony (including rehearsal). Keep in mind that three (3) absences -- regardless of excuse—will result in dismissal from the NHS.

**Probation:**

You can only be put on probation once during your Honor Society membership. A second cause for probation will result in dismissal from the society.

- September 20
- October 19
- November 16
- December 14
- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- **Tuesday - April 16**
- **Wednesday - April 17** (new inductees only)
- **Thursday, April 19** (Induction Ceremony 6:30)
- **Thursday, May 24** (Nominations)
- **Thursday, June 7** (Elections and Last Meeting)

*Mandatory – WORK is not an excuse!

Please sign below to indicate that you, and your parents, have read and understood the above information. **Return the signed portion along with your $10.00 annual dues no later than Thursday, September 28th, 2017 to either Ms. McCue (room 306) or to Mr. Burke (room 305).**

Ms. Laura McCue and Mr. Patrick Burke
Advisors

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I __________________________________________________________________________ have read and understand the guidelines for National Honor Society membership. I agree to uphold NHS standards, and abide by its requirements. My $10.00 dues are attached. If you are sending in a check, please make it out to MacArthur High School. **Return checks and contract to Ms. McCue directly or to Mr. Burke.**

Print Student Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Sign Student Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Parent Signature: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Date: ___________________