

National Honor Society – West Lincoln Chapter

History

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) officially established NHS in 1921. Though many local and regional honor societies existed prior to 1921, no nationwide organization had been founded. Under the leadership of Dr. Edward Rynearson, principal of the Fifth Avenue High School in Pittsburgh, the organization grew from the original Alpha Chapter at the Fifth Avenue School to more than 1,000 chapters by 1930. Equipped with a constitution, an emblem and motto, and a group of dedicated principals as coordinators, the new NHS organization quickly developed into one of the country's leading educational groups.

Membership

Students must be a junior and have a cumulative grade point average of 4.2 or higher. Academic eligibility alone does not guarantee selection for membership since membership in the National Honor Society is based upon outstanding achievement in four areas: **scholarship, leadership, service, and character**. Academically eligible candidates who have attended West Lincoln High for one full semester are evaluated further based on character, leadership and service as demonstrated in the school and community.

Students will be notified by the NHS Advisor during their fall semester of their Junior year of their eligibility and given a "Candidate Activity Information Form" in order to complete. This form will aid the faculty committee members in evaluating their candidacy.

Service

The National Honor Society helps to serve others. The West Lincoln Chapter does a Canned Food Drive in the fall semester to help support those in need just before the Thanksgiving Holiday and the Relay for Life events in the spring semester.

A total of 10 hours of service are needed for each year of membership in the National Honor Society at the West Lincoln Chapter.

Advisor

Mr. Ron Patten is the current Advisor for the National Honor Society - West Lincoln Chapter.