

# Constitution of the National English Honor Society

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## Article X Membership

- Section 1** Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed on a student. Selection for membership is by a Faculty Advisory Council and is based both on academic accomplishment in English and English-related courses, as well as on overall academic accomplishment. For the purposes of identifying “English,” individual schools may use any courses which use the “English” designation on report cards or in fulfilling “English” requirements.
- Section 2** Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate high standards, including the maintenance of grades, in English. Failure to do so will result in removal from membership.
- Section 3** There are three types of membership: active, alumni, and honorary:
- A. Active members are high school students and remain active members while they maintain the required GPA and until graduation, at which time they become alumni members.
  - B. Alumni members, in accordance with school policy, may be invited to participate in chapter events, but have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.
  - C. Honorary membership may be awarded, by consent of the Faculty Advisory Council, to school officials, principals, teachers, adults and students whose achievements in English or NEHS-related activities merit special recognition. Chapters may induct up to four honorary members per year, and are responsible for induction fees for honorary members. Honorary members shall have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.
- Section 4** Any NEHS member who transfers to another school and brings a letter of verification from the former principal or chapter advisor to the new school NEHS chapter advisor shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school’s chapter.
- Section 5** Membership may not be determined, in any way, on the basis of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical (dis)ability.

**Section 6** Acceptance into NEHS membership does not preclude automatic acceptance into Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.