



Grand Forks Public Schools

Central High School

Red River High School

National Technical Honor Society

Mission

To honor student achievement, character, and leadership, promote educational excellence, and enhance career opportunities for the NTHS membership.

Vision

To be the leader in providing recognition for excellence in Career and Technical Education and creating significant occupational opportunities for America's top workforce education students.

Purposes

- To reward excellence in workforce education.
- To develop self-esteem and pride.
- To encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement.
- To promote business and industry's critical work-place values: honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity, leadership, and citizenship.
- To promote the school district's Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, citizenship, and caring.
- To help build and maintain effective partnerships with local business, industry, and non-profits.
- To champion a stronger, more positive image for workforce education in the local area and in America.

Guidelines and Procedures for Membership

The Grand Forks Public Schools recognizes and honors students for outstanding achievement in their career-technical programs. This recognition is achieved through a nomination, evaluation, and selection process based upon exemplary character traits of Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership.

The highest recognition bestowed upon Career and Technical Education students is through membership in the Central or Red River Chapters of the National Technical Honor Society.

Selection Criteria

The membership selection process for the National Technical Honor Society is:

- Student must be a sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Student must have two letter-graded credits in one program area to be nominated for NTHS. (see selection matrix on next page)
- An industry-level certification in the nominated program area may fulfill 1/2 credit per certification, up to a maximum of 1 credit.
- Students must have a 3.5 or higher GPA in their Career and Technical Education program and a 3.0 or higher overall GPA.
- All students must be nominated by their program instructor on the basis of the following: exhibition of the Six Pillars of Character, good attendance, positive work habits, safety consciousness, interpersonal skills, positive attitude, above average leadership, a good work ethic, and active participation in a student or community organization, if available.
- Students must pass the review process established by the staff review council. The composition of the staff review council is an academic teacher, a Career and Technical Education teacher, a principal, a school counselor, the Career and Technical Education director, and a business/industry representative. The principal will serve as monitor during the review process.

The National Technical Honor Society nomination process and selection procedure has been approved by the Grand Forks Public Schools administration. It is through this approved selection process the Grand Forks Public Schools seeks to recognize those students who exemplify the high standards required for membership. With the honor of membership comes the obligation of each student to use their talents and skills for the betterment of others and to become active and productive members of society.

NTHS Program Area Criteria

Business and Office Technology		Computer Aided Drafting Design		Family and Consumer Science		Graphic Arts	
Class	Credits	Class	Credits	Class	Credits	Class	Credits
Exploring Your Options	.5	Design & Drafting	1	Life Skills	1	Graphic Arts I	1
Keyboarding	.5	Civil Engineering & Arch.	1	Child Development	.5	Graphic Arts II	1
Word Processing	.5	Intro to Engineering Design	1	Child Guidance	.5	Graphic Arts III	1
Computer Applications	.5			Independent Living	.5		
Desktop Publishing	.5			Food for Today	.5		
Personal Finance	.5			Specialty Foods	.5		
Accounting I	1			Fashion Merchandising	1		
Personal & Business Law I	.5			Early Childhood Education	.5		
Personal & Business Law II	.5			Jr. Educators of Tomorrow	.5/1		
Video Production I	1						
Video Production II	1						
MS Word	.5						
Web Pages	.5						
MS Excel & Outlook	.5						
MS Access & PowerPoint	.5						
Multimedia & Image Mgmt	.5						
Information Technology		Marketing Education		Medical Careers		Technology Education	
Class	Credits	Class	Credits	Class	Credits	Class	Credits
Information Tech Essentials	.5	Intro Marketing & Business	.5	Intro to Medical Careers	1	Digital Electronics	1
Computer Engineering I	.5	Marketing / Retailing	1	Certified Nursing Asst.	.5	Intro to Power Technology	.5
Computer Engineering II	.5	Mgmt / Entrepreneurship	1	Medical Careers	2	Production Technology	1
Networking I	.5	Model School Store	.5 or 1			Automotive Technology I	1
Networking II	.5					Automotive Technology II	2
Programming Essentials I	.5					Intro to Building Trades	.5
Programming Essentials II	.5					Building Trades	2

Membership Benefits

There are several intrinsic reasons a student may desire membership in the National Technical Honor Society. Membership in the NTHS is the highest honor that the Grand Forks Public Schools can bestow on a student in a Career and Technical Education program. Membership is an honor and a prestigious public recognition of outstanding student achievement. Members are recognized by employers, government officials, and college officials as possessing many of the qualities and characteristics which are indicators of future success.

Some of the immediate benefits for students include the following:

- Induction at a public recognition function
- A Certificate of Membership
- A membership card and pin from the national organization
- Active volunteer community involvement
- Eligibility to apply for NTHS-based scholarships during the member's senior year
- Recognition at graduation including a special seal to be applied to the high school diploma and entitlement to wear the NTHS Honor Stole during commencement
- Up to three letters of recommendation for either employment, college admission, or scholarships from the National Technical Honor Society headquarters during the member's lifetime

Selection Procedures

Selection procedures for the Central High School and Red River High School Chapters of the National Technical Honor Society:

- Step I: After the fourth week of the third quarter, the NTHS advisors will send nomination forms to all high school Career and Technical Education teachers. The teachers in those programs will nominate students who are eligible based upon selection criteria. The NTHS advisors will determine which of these students have an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater and will be invited to apply.

- Step II: Advisors will notify all nominating teachers of the eligibility of the nominated students. All nominated students will be informed.

- Step III: Candidate forms are to be submitted to the NTHS advisors on or before March 1.

- Step IV: Students will be notified of their nomination status and informed of all selection procedures, requirements, and timelines.

- Step V: Following final preparation of nomination and application materials, a meeting of the Review Committee will take place to determine final selection.

- Step VI: Immediately following the Review Committee meeting, students will be informed of their status. Following notification, students will be called to a meeting to outline the process for induction into the NTHS.

- Step VII: New and present members and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will be invited to a recognition function which will include student participation in a formal induction ceremony. During the ceremony, new inductees will receive their certificates and pins.

Membership Standards

The inductee shall subscribe and consent to the following membership pledge:

“As a member of the National Technical Honor Society, I pledge to maintain the highest standard of personal conduct. I will apply myself to continue a record of scholastic achievement, and I will strive for excellence in all aspects of my education. I will invest my talents, my skills and my knowledge in a career of my own choosing, and shall always endeavor to uphold my obligations as a citizen of my community and my country.”

12th Grade

- For students inducted their senior year, participate at least 5 hours of volunteer service before graduation.

10th & 11th Grade

- For students inducted their sophomore or junior year, attend at least 75% of the meetings of the local NTHS
- Maintain an overall 3.0 GPA
- Participate in one group NTHS volunteer activity (completed by May 1) log at least twenty hours of individually chosen volunteer activity.

Failure to maintain any one or more of these standards will result in possible dismissal from the NTHS.

Procedure if standards are not met:

- Notify student and parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Student is given a nine-week probationary period to fulfill standards
- If standards are met, student is taken off probation
- If standards are not met, student is dismissed from NTHS and relinquished of all the rights and responsibilities of belonging to the organization
- During probationary period, students will not be eligible for the benefits of NTHS

Procedure for reinstatement to NTHS:

If the student has been dismissed from NTHS, he/she must return to the original selection process of being nominated by his/her Career and Technical Education teacher.

I have read and understand the above Membership Standards. I agree to the Membership Standards and, to the best of my ability, will adhere to them. I understand that if I fail to keep to the Standards of NTHS Membership, I will be put on probationary status and may be dismissed from the NTHS. In signing below, I will keep to the Standards of Membership, and therefore, wish to be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Student Signature _____

Date _____