

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS™

Proposal for Chapter

WHAT IS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS?

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts™ (NHSDA) is a program of the National Dance Education Organization, created to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in students studying dance in public and private schools in K-12 education, dance studios, cultural/community centers, performing arts organizations, and post-secondary education. The NHSDA offers three levels of induction: The Junior Program for grades 6-8, The Secondary Program for grades 9-12, and The Collegiate Program for students in college or university dance programs. Establishing an NHSDA chapter is one very important way to honor students and help advance the field of dance education.

NBHS dance students who are inducted into the honor society must pay a \$25 per year fee for an Annual NBHS Chapter t-shirt, induction fees, certificate and pin, graduation honors chord and medallion, costume and concert costs. Requirements for induction are as follows:

- Obtain at least 70% of induction points from Chapter Participation (Dance students, Terpsichore, drill team, and winter/color guard all qualify)
- 3.25 GPA
- Participation in a Qualifying Dance Performance **or** Crew
- Participation in the organization Community Outreach Weeks (Dance a Difference, Love Your Body)
- Participation in two Additional Volunteer Events **or** Submission to Dance Arts Now! (NHSDA Publication)
- Attend the Annual Portfolio Panel with an up-to-date portfolio
- Attend the Annual Gala Fundraiser

Members of NHSDA qualify for the *NDEO Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award*. Their active participation is crucial to the application process, and will additionally prepare students for future scholarship, college and career success. Once members are inducted, continuous chapter involvement is required or they may be subject to dismissal, and would have to complete the induction requirements again.

WHY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS AT NEW BERN HIGH?

National Honor Society for Dance Arts will meet New Bern High and AVID's mission to be college and career ready through:

Be a critical thinker

Being centered around its member's, dance as an art form, and the development of each member's creative process and leadership. Members will be mentored through problem solving techniques of movement and choreography, peer-peer interaction, time management, concert and event logistics, and portfolio development.

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Effective Communicator

Providing opportunities for club leadership responsibilities that will include communication with fellow members, NBHS student body, the community, North Carolina Dance Education Organization (NCDEO) and National Dance Education Organization (NDEO). As a student led club, members will be mentored through effective communication strategies, and the level of professionalism required to meet the expectations of their target audience.

Academically Empowered

Requiring Members to keep and present an Annual National Honor Society for Dance Arts portfolio that includes, but is not limited to:

- a current resume (including artistic merit/participation, academic excellence, leadership/community involvement)
- documentation and proving record of earned points, current transcripts (3.5 GPA required)
- an essay that describes what impact has dance had on their life, in and out of the studio, and how they plan to use this influence in the future to have an impact on other people and communities.

In the member's senior year, the portfolio and edit of the essays will be used for graduation with honors application.

Ready for College & Career

Providing insight into the various careers involved with dance as an art form including: choreography, performance, artistic direction, media, music engineering, stage tech (lighting, sound, management), front of house theater management (tickets, house management, etc.).

Additionally, NHSDA will address peer leadership, interview techniques, conflict resolution, resume preparation, time management, and large event logistics and organization to better prepare members for any college scholarship, admission, degree completion or desired career field success.

Students of Character

Holding members accountable for their interactions with peers, staff, and members of the community. Additionally, members will have the responsibility to document and prove their hours of involvement in the events that qualify for points (on and off campus) required for induction.

Overall, the NHSDA at NBHS will foster a culture of professionalism and respect among members and their individual endeavors. As inductees they will be held to a standard of honorable actions, or will be subject to disciplinary action.

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