

Clover Hill High School

National History Honor Society Charter Constitution

“History is the only topic taught in every secondary school that can engage students of any interest in understanding and tackling human problems in the real world. The study of history builds the critical skills students need to become responsible citizens and effective leaders. Researching and discovering new information, as well as reading, writing, synthesizing, and communicating effectively: these are the skills that make someone successful in business, civic life, and even science. History can be seen and touched, read and written, made and remembered. Everyone is a part of history.”

Article I

Name of Club: National History Honor Society
Club Faculty Sponsor/Mentor: James Triesler
Club Faculty Advisor: John Fout

The Clover Hill National History Club and National History Honor Society are chartered and affiliated with the National History Club of Boston, Massachusetts. The national organization serves as a clearinghouse for information and support to similar school clubs.

National History Club
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Article II

Purpose of Club:

The purpose of the National History Honor Society is to expand the interest and range of historical knowledge within and beyond the established humanities curriculum at Clover Hill High School. This goal will be attained by tutoring and student-led classroom essay revision, aiding those seeking concentrated assistance in the social sciences. Emphasis will also be given towards writing, speaking, and learning analytically through a historical perspective, increasing students’ printed and verbal articulation, and argumentation of the written word.

Article III

Membership:

Membership in the National History Honor Society or National History Club shall be open to any Clover Hill High School student who is interested in learning and writing about the humanities and social sciences through unique extracurricular activities. Membership in the National History Honor Society will be open to juniors and seniors only. All freshmen and sophomore students interested in more active humanities involvement within Clover Hill High School will be given the opportunity to join the National History Club, which will be a subset of the National History Honor Society. All activities of the National History Club will coincide with NHHS programs.

The duties of tutoring and student-led essay revision will be reserved for junior and senior students with an established knowledge base and cumulative humanities curriculum experience.

All members of NHHS and NHC will be required to continue to maintain at least a cumulative GPA average of a 3.5 and at least a B in all Humanities courses. Members will also be required to attend at least half of all meetings, unless extenuating circumstances necessitate an absence.

Membership dues of \$10 will be required once individual membership is established.

Article IV

Officers:

The Officers of the National History Honor Society shall be as follows:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian

The duties of the Officers of the National History Honor Society shall be as follows:

President - S/he will plan meetings, contact guest-speakers, and assist with publicizing the activities of the club.

Vice-President - S/he will assist the President as well as fulfill the duties of the President when the President is unavailable.

Secretary - S/he will be responsible for the maintenance of a calendar of events, keeping track of member-specific activities, recording club meeting minutes and proceedings, and assisting with the organization of special events.

Treasurer - S/he will be responsible for documenting and ensuring the proper handling of all fiscal accounts and activities. S/he will collect club dues and influence the allocation of funds where necessary for projects and special events.

Historian - S/he will photograph and/or film guest speakers and special events by creating a graphic record of the Society's programs.

Article V

Faculty Sponsor/Monitor(s):

1. The faculty sponsor/monitor shall attend all meetings to ensure this chapter of the Clover Hill National History Honor Society does not violate any school policies.

2. The faculty sponsor/monitor shall act as liaisons between students and school administration.

3. The sponsor/monitor will serve in an advisory capacity only.

Article VI

Club Meetings:

The NHHS meetings shall be as follows: Regular Society activities will include student-initiated, teacher-facilitated Cavalier Morning or after-school sessions with students seeking more concentrated assistance in the humanities and social sciences. Members of NHHS interested in tutoring students in history will be able to contact humanities classes with students in need of extra assistance.

Once every two to three weeks, a meeting will be held after school with program meetings to discuss Society activities and revise essays. These standard meetings will occasionally alternate with special speaker presentations, historical field trips, conferences, competitions, and participation in service opportunities through historical sites.

Article VII

Removal From Office:

All junior and senior students interested in applying for an officer position will provide, in addition to the regular application, a verbal expression (one-minute speech) of his/her desire to be and capabilities of being an officer, and one humanities teacher recommendation.

Once the application is completed and submitted, the NHHS faculty sponsor(s) will review the potential candidates' applications. Sponsors, NHHS & NHC members will then be able hear candidates' speeches, and a vote will be cast to decide the final five officers. These five students will remain NHHS officers until the completion of their high school career.

All junior and senior candidates applying for membership in the National History Honor Society must adequately complete a NHHS application. This application will include a brief essay, seven signed teacher approvals, a cumulative GPA average of a 3.5 including a general transcript, at least a B in all Humanities courses, at least two years of History courses, and a record of all prior Humanities curriculum and extra-curricular student experience. Humanities courses are defined as any and all History and English courses.

A current member or candidate for officer-ship/membership has one semester to correct deficiencies in academic performance requirements as outlined above. If s/he fails to do so, club officers with the advice of the sponsor may vote to temporarily or permanently suspend membership until satisfactory progress is demonstrated.

Once accepted, all NHHS & NHC members will be required to attend the annual NHHS Fall Induction Ceremony.

Any honor violations will prevent consideration for membership and terminate an existing member or officer. The Sponsor and Officers of the Society will evaluate questions of character and may limit eligibility from applicants who fail to uphold the highest standards of integrity.

Article VIII

Vacancies:

Vacancies of officer positions will be filled through the application process listed above, and an officer and general membership vote will be tallied to induct the new officer.

Article IX

Committees:

Any and all sub-committees will be temporarily created for the interest of facilitating certain club activities, such as Event Coordination Committee, etc., that will be responsible for the duties their title endows, and will perform to the best of their ability as the club members see fit.