

**Big Sandy National Honor Society**  
**By-Laws**  
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**Candidates**

- All NHS candidates must be on the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) program.
- All candidates for the NHS must pass teacher evaluations with a three or higher to be considered for membership. Teacher evaluations will be given to all academic teachers.
- All candidates for membership must have a 3 or higher average of the following: teacher evaluations, service, leadership, and the essay.
- A candidate must be currently enrolled in advanced courses (sophomores in Pre-AP and juniors in AP classes) at the time of consideration and maintain course work towards the DAP each semester including all exams given/offered (AP Exams must be taken with intent of passing).
- All junior candidates must have taken upper level courses (AP or college) to be inducted in the NHS.
- All sophomore candidates must be in Pre-AP classes to be inducted in the NHS.
- Candidate's leadership activities must be in our school or community and be verifiable.
- Candidate's service activities must be in our school or community and be verifiable.
- Candidates must have a GPA of 85 or above in core classes to be considered for membership in the NHS.
- Sophomore candidates will be considered for membership in the NHS beginning 2004-2005 school year.
- No senior candidates will be inducted in the last semester of their senior year.
- Candidates will not be considered if: there is any disruptive behavior (in or out of school) or destruction of school property not limited to but including cheating such as: plagiarism, copying of work, letting someone copy work, SAC assignments, referrals, etc.
- Teacher evaluations will count 40% for candidates.
- Candidates must meet all attendance requirements, including tardies (2 tardies equals 1 absence).
- Candidates must refrain from making disparaging remarks about staff of BSISD.

**Members**

- All NHS members must be on the DAP program.
- Any sophomore member who does not continue with upper level courses each semester in their junior and senior year will be dismissed.

- Member leadership activities must be in our school or community and be verifiable.
- Member service activities must be in our school or community and be verifiable.
- If a member fails to stay continuously enrolled in upper level courses and/or drops out of the DAP, the member will be summarily dismissed.
- Any disruptive behavior by members (in or out of school) or destruction of school property will be grounds for automatic dismissal. This will include but is not limited to cheating such as: plagiarisms, copying of work, letting someone copy your work, SAC assignments, referrals, etc.
- Members who do not maintain 85 averages will be dismissed from NHS.
- Members must meet all attendance requirements, including tardies (2 tardies equals 1 absence).
- DAP program calls for members to be actively involved in attempting to achieve all four measures by graduation; therefore, NHS members must strive to attain these measures.
- NHS President must be a multi-year member voted on by other NHS members.
- Members must refrain from disparaging remarks about a teacher/principal/staff member of BSISD or accept dismissal from the NHS.