

Excused Absences from Meetings:

The full membership meetings of the NHS will be held on the first Tuesday of every month. In the event of a holiday or vacation, the meeting will be held on the second Tuesday. **All monthly meetings are mandatory.** Any student with two unexcused absences will receive written warning; upon the third unexcused absence, the student will become an “inactive” member. “Inactive” members will not wear a stole at graduation.

What constitutes an excused absence:

- 1- a full day’s excused absence from school
- 2- a documented doctor’s/dentist’s appointment
- 3- participation in a school affiliated sporting event – a game; practices do not constitute excused absences. Any student athlete who is unable to attend, must personally see the adviser to notify the reason for the absence. It is not the coach’s responsibility to notify the adviser. The athlete should not assume that the adviser either knows he/she plays a sport or the schedule of games.
- 3- a family death or emergency; where possible this should be documented

What is NOT considered an excused absence:

- 1- Team practice: most coaches will allow students to attend practice late after extra help or an important meeting. Missing a meeting for a practice without notifying the adviser is unexcused.
- 2- Job: a job is important. However, because you know well in advance the dates for the NHS meetings, you can probably request either the day off or a later start. Your duty is, at the very least, one meeting a month to remain a member in good standing.
- 3- Driving lessons: schedule of driving hours is flexible. Again, you know the dates for the meetings. Don’t schedule driving hours then.
- 4- Lessons for a hobby or past time: dance, horseback riding, music, gymnastics, etc.
- 5- If every scheduled meeting day a member has a family emergency, a headache, a babysitting duty, extra help for math, (you can fill in the common excuses many students create), an orthodontist appointment, etc. that member’s good standing in NHS will go before the faculty council for evaluation.

ONE MEETING ON A PRE-SCHEDULED DAY ONCE A MONTH IS NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK OF ANYONE WHO TRULY WANTS AND DESERVES TO BE A MEMBER OF TANTASQUA’S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. Getting in is easy...staying in takes scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Staying in takes commitment and determination. If you can’t take the role, then you won’t wear the stole!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEETING EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM

Member Name: _____ **Number:** _____

Date of Report: _____ **Date of Meeting:** _____

Reason for Absence: Check those that apply

- scheduled dental appointment
- scheduled doctor's appointment
- family emergency
- school sponsored required event: game, concert, meet etc.

OTHER:

_____ signed note attached: yes no
student signature

NHS UNEXCUSED ABSENCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Member Name: _____ **Number:** _____

Date of absence: _____

Reason for absence: _____

I, _____, acknowledge that my absence from the NHS
student name
meeting on _____ was not excused. I am aware that two or
date
more absences from mandatory meetings will jeopardize my NHS membership.

signed

date