We (the WFW staff) encourage all eligible W. F. West students to join National Honor Society so that we may recognize you for your effort toward career and college readiness.

- Students may join NHS from May 1st through the September or early October Induction & Recognition Ceremony (evening, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
- The roster of current members is available to staff on a pull down menu on the WFW calendar, on the NHS Google Classroom and by request to advisor sardington@chehalisschools.org.
- Students who wish to join NHS for the school year who are not on the roster may attend the May and September meetings with advisor permission. It is helpful if the advisor signs a note verifying that the new member meets the criteria below. New members should check in with Ms. Ardington at the meeting to ensure they are on the roster and acknowledged at the October induction.

NHS members must:

- Maintain a cumulative gpa above 3.0. This is the national requirement. (scholarship). Students may join after their freshman, sophomore or junior year. The decision to join should be based on being on steady academic ground for maintaining the required gpa through graduation. Students should take one or more rigorous course offerings annually: Advanced, Advanced Placement, College in the High School, 2nd - 4th year World Language and CTE courses.
- National NHS rules mandate that students who fall below a 3.0 are not eligible for the society, AND that they cannot join again at a later date. Sometimes it’s better to join during the senior or junior year to ensure membership can be maintained. Students should be confident they can maintain the 3.0 during each school year. See Ms. Ardington, room 118 for a conference if you would like to discuss your membership further.
- Participate in a WFW Club on club days. We are a society of leaders. We need to be actively engaged as leaders in our school community (leadership).
- Work to exceed community service and service to school requirements (service).
○ Include others in the classroom and in the school and community. Invite student body members to serve or participate with you in community service/service to school activities (character).

○ Pay dues annually $15.00. Dues are waived for student who qualify for free and reduced lunch or with financial need. See Ms. Ardington if you have questions. Dues may be paid in the ASB office by cash or check to Ms. Teshera from August 20 through October 30th. NHS members receive a lanyard at the induction to wear to meetings, local and national NHS membership, and an NHS pin to wear on their stole at graduation.

○ Check school email on Monday’s of CCR Block for important communications from their NHS group leader. Running start students should do this too!

○ Attend meetings and the induction.

○ Submit an NHS report to the Advisor by the second week of April.

○ Running Start members MUST email the advisor to request this report and submit it by the date due to receive a pin for graduation.

○ Join the NHS Google Classroom.

There are six to seven NHS meeting dates a year. One is an evening induction and recognition ceremony in late September or early October or members and families. The other events take place during CCR Block, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Students will receive these dates in May and again in September and should discuss them and plan with families. The events are also posted on the NHS Google Classroom.

Group leaders will receive planning meeting invites and communications from the President. Checking email is essential for all members.

NHS Opportunities for members and friends in the WFW student body:

- Volunteering twice monthly at Food for the Future at the Greater Chehalis Food Bank. This group provides weekend meals for students qualifying. Loose change collected at NHS meetings. Community service hours/forms available.

- Olympic, Smith and Lintott Elementary Family Night(s). Community service hours/forms available.

- Serving ice cream for the 8th grade parent night. Community service hours/forms available.

- Helping with events through the counseling center (grand openings, Top Ten Banquet). Community service hours/forms available.

- Active participation in school-wide ASB & Leadership class activities. Community service hours/forms available.

- Other - bring us your ideas.