



Our Mission

Our mission is to provide and nurture a unique opportunity to engage high school students and teachers around the world with the valuable experiences of fostering literacy and serving society, and to recognize outstanding and diverse achievements in the English Language Arts.

Who We Are

NEHS (the organization)

We are an organization comprised of educators, Chapter Advisors, and students who believe there is value in English Language Arts.

Members (students)

We are a diverse body of students, like you, who have a passion for, and demonstrate excellence in, the study of English.

Chapter Advisors (teachers)

We are a group of educators and academically-influenced professionals who believe there is value in English Language Arts.

What NEHS Chapters do

NEHS chapters bring literature to life through community service, creative and critical writing, journalism, podcasting, filmmaking, and theater.

Members engage in literary enrichment programs, and benefit from university scholarships.

With opportunities for experiential learning and international conventions, chapters create meaningful experiences that inspire growth and leadership.

What NEHS offers

NEHS offers exclusive scholarships, publication opportunities, and literary enrichment programs that inspire creativity and critical thinking. Engage in creative and analytic challenges, develop leadership skills, and connect with renowned authors—all while being part of a vibrant literary community!

How NEHS operates

Chapters are run by Chapter Advisors and student leadership teams. Together, Advisors and student leaders organize activities and opportunities for enrichment inside and outside of their schools.

Chapters operate in ways that benefit their student population and their communities while aligning with the values of NEHS. They use NEHS resources and take advantage of the opportunities provided by NEHS, thereby fostering a dynamic environment where students can grow as scholars, leaders, and engaged citizens.

Why NEHS matters


NEHS matters because it celebrates academic excellence, empowers future leaders, and fosters a diverse global community united by a love for English.

The NEHS program allows student members and Chapter Advisors to build confidence, forge meaningful connections, and leave a lasting impact on both their education and the world.

NEHS provides a platform for students and teachers to explore their passions, amplify their voices, and shape the future through the power of language.



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Statement on Widening Participation

NEHS for English Language Learners

NEHS membership provides English Language Learners a supportive environment to strengthen their language skills, build confidence, and engage with literature in meaningful ways. Through reading, writing, and discussion opportunities, ELL students can enhance their fluency while gaining recognition for their academic achievements. NEHS also provides access to scholarships and leadership roles, empowering ELL students to excel and contribute their unique perspectives to the literary community. **English Language Learners belong here.**

NEHS for Ethnic Minority Young People

NEHS membership offers ethnic minority students a platform to celebrate their diverse voices, literary traditions, and experiences. NEHS fosters an inclusive community where students can engage with diverse perspectives, advocate for representation, and connect with peers and mentors who support their growth. This empowering environment helps students strengthen their academic and creative abilities, expand opportunities, and make a lasting impact in their academic and creative journeys. **Ethnic minority young people belong here.**

NEHS for Members of the LGBTQIA+ Community

NEHS membership offers LGBTQIA+ students and Chapter Advisors a welcoming space where their voices and stories are valued. Through literature, advocacy, and leadership opportunities, members can explore diverse perspectives, foster inclusivity, and build a supportive community. NEHS also provides awards and recognition that celebrate creative achievements in LGBTQIA+ writing, empowering LGBTQIA+ students to thrive. **Members of the LGBTQIA+ community belong here.**

NEHS for Students with Disabilities

NEHS membership provides students with disabilities a supportive and inclusive academic community that values diverse perspectives and talents. Through access to scholarships, leadership opportunities, and service projects, NEHS empowers students to showcase their literary skills in different ways. NEHS' emphasis on academic excellence and creative expression allows students with disabilities to develop confidence, build connections with like-minded peers, and gain recognition for their achievements. **Students with disabilities belong here.**

NEHS for Economically Disadvantaged Individuals

NEHS membership gives economically disadvantaged students valuable opportunities for academic recognition, scholarships, and leadership development. Our community provides students with access to resources that support their educational and professional growth. Through NEHS service projects and literary initiatives, students can develop their skills and demonstrate their talents, regardless of financial barriers, ensuring that academic excellence is accessible to all. **Economically disadvantaged individuals belong here.**

YOU belong here.