

Steps to Starting your NAHS

Step 1: Feel out interest

Feel out interest in a NAHS from students and members of your department.

Step 2: Do your homework

Check out all the details at the NAHS website. Look at other schools and how they organize and run their NAHS.

Step 3: Approach administration at your school

Express interest in beginning a chapter and explain what the advantages are to the students and school community.

Step 4: Work out the details

Work out how you will decide who you admit to a NAHS chapter and how and when an induction ceremony will happen.

Step 5: Register your school

Contact the National Art Education Association and register advisers (in not already NAEA member) and school. The NAEA will give you an official NAHS chapter number.

Step 6: Get the information out

Spread the words in advance around your school. Put it on the announcement, hold informational sessions, explain your application process, etc.

Step 7: Initiation ceremony

Plan the ceremony and initiate your first members. The NAHS has a lovely ceremony you can find and follow on their website.

Step 8: Choose your leaders

Think about what you will need in terms of leadership and how you will go about selecting your leaders.

Step 8: Organize events

Decide what types of events your NAHS will have and begin planning them!