



National Honor Society

For many students, selection as a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) is the pinnacle of their achievements in school. This honor, recognized throughout the nation, is both the public recognition of accomplishment and the private commitment to continued excellence on the part of the new member.

Selection Procedures

One must remember, however, that selection to the National Honor Society is a privilege and not a right. In an effort to clarify how students are selected to the NHS, the steps of the selection process are outlined below.

- The Head of Academics reviews the transcripts of the members of the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. Any student who has a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 85.00 and higher is placed on a list of potential members, and this list is given to the NHS advisor.
- The NHS advisor distributes a “Student Activity Information Form” to each student on the above list. Students must complete this form by the stated deadline if they wish to be considered for membership.
- The NHS advisor forwards all returned “Student Activity Information Forms” to a 5-member Faculty Council. The advisor also requests a “character summary” for each student from the Dean’s Office. This information from the Dean’s Office is forwarded to the Faculty Council.
- The Faculty Council meets to review each student’s completed form and the Dean’s Office’s remarks. The council examines each student in terms of their character, leadership, and service.
- After assessing the data, the members of the Faculty Council take a vote on each student to decide whether they will become a member of the NHS. A student who wins a majority of the votes is approved for membership to the NHS.
- Students are notified in writing about their selection to the National Honor Society.

Dismissal Procedures

Every National Honor Society member should remember that they must be the embodiment of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four pillars are what earned them the honor of becoming an NHS member in the first place. At times, a member may fail to maintain the expected high standards, and it will become necessary to formally warn this member.

The following actions will result in a formal warning:

- Failing to attend a scheduled meeting without informing advisor in person of their

absence in advance

- Accumulating more than 5 write-ups in any quarter
- Failing to complete an assigned responsibility (e.g. not showing up at an activity they are scheduled to do)
- G.P.A. drops below 85.00
- Severe violations of the Code of Conduct

The Faculty Council will meet once every three months—unless an emergency meeting is called—to review the records of each NHS member. If, as a body, the Faculty Council decides the member has not fulfilled their duty as a National Honor Society member, the honor of being a member of this society may be revoked. Members have the right to a pre-dismissal hearing and to be notified in writing of the actions being taken against them, the reasons for such actions, and the time and date of the hearing. Members have the right to respond either in writing or orally.