

Who We Are:

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NHS activities. NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. (Taken from <https://www.nhs.us/utility/about-us>)

Eligibility Requirements:

Students who show evidence of the following four pillars of the National Honor Society will be considered for eligibility:

- **Scholarship**
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)
- **Service**
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership**
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character**
The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.
(Taken from <https://www.nhs.us/students/membership/how-to-become-a-member>)

Students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade who have demonstrated excellence in *scholarship* with a cumulative GPA of 88% or higher will be invited to fill out an application for the National Honor Society.

They will provide evidence of their *character*, *leadership*, and *service* in the application, which must be turned in by the deadline to be considered.

After students fill out an application and the required recommendation forms from teachers, all of their qualifications will be reviewed by our Faculty Council. The Faculty Council is an anonymous group of faculty members who make final decisions about who will be invited for induction into the NHS. The Faculty Council also serves as the group who determines if a student should be dismissed because of a failure to meet expectations in one of the four areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, or Character.

The NHS advisors do not have a vote on the Faculty Council and will not be making any decisions regarding acceptance, rejection, or dismissal.

Expectations:

National Honor Society members must meet the following expectations to remain in good standing once they are inducted:

Service: 15 hours of community service per year

Scholarship: maintain GPA of 88%

Attendance: no more than 12 unexcused absences from school and no more than 3 unexcused absences from NHS meetings/events

School Discipline: Students who receive any suspensions in the 2 years prior to applying will automatically be ineligible to apply for NJHS. Written referrals can prevent a student from being accepted into the NJHS. This will be determined by the faculty council.