

National Honor Society Information For Parents



The National Honor Society (NHS) is a prestigious organization in U.S. high schools that recognizes students for outstanding achievement in **scholarship, leadership, service, and character**. Being a member of NHS/NJHS is an honor which carries with it the responsibility to uphold these values.

Who Can Join NHS?

Full-time 9th-12th graders are invited to apply for NHS membership based on the following criteria:

Academic Criteria

- Members must maintain an unweighted 90 (A) average, evaluated at the end of each term.
- Members participate in classroom activities and exceed academic expectations.

Service Criteria

- Members complete 36 hours minimum per year of community service.
- Members complete 3 service hours minimum per quarter
- Members cheerfully and enthusiastically render requested service to the school.
- Members participate in all required NHS service projects throughout the school year.

Leadership Criteria

- Members exercise influence on peers in upholding SCA Foundations.
- Members lead either in an established office or through daily behavior as endorsed by school or community officials.
- Members participate in and promote school activities.

Character Criteria

- Members consistently demonstrate Godly character.
- Members are on time and present to all NHS/NJHS meetings and required service projects.

Application and Selection Process

NHS applications are distributed to eligible students in the Spring semester. Students have an approximately 2 week application period, after which their applications are reviewed by the Faculty Council, consisting of **five faculty members** appointed annually by the principal. The chapter adviser(s) serves as the sixth, **non-voting** member of the Faculty Council. Candidates become active members when inducted at the induction ceremony in May.