

NHS SELECTION PROCESS

The National Honor Society (NHS) chapter of Ethan High School (EHS) is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in:

- i) Scholarship; ii) Leadership; iii) Service and iv) Character.

Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and may be revised to meet EHS chapter needs. Students are selected into NHS membership through an application process which is then followed by an 'approval vote' of a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal. Bestowing this honor upon qualified students is done on behalf of the entire EHS faculty.

Students in the 11th and 12th grades meeting the scholarship criterion of a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better on a 4.0 scale are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form (Application). Information provided will be used by the Faculty Council regarding the candidate's leadership, character and service. A strong background of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is required. [Qualification may include minimal expectations for leadership or service, e.g.: 'participation in at least two student activity organizations each year' or 'ten hours of documented community service'.]

When considering a candidate's character, the Faculty Council may access school disciplinary records and will invite input from all members of the faculty regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service, character and leadership. [These extra faculty evaluations are optional for local NHS chapters, however they can be very informative and helpful to the Faculty Council at selection time.] When all information has been submitted and carefully reviewed, the Faculty Council will meet to determine membership. Each student candidate is considered on an individual basis and the Faculty Council vote of a simple majority (3 or more) is necessary for selection.

The 'approved' candidates will receive a written notification affirming their selection and will give further details concerning the date, time and place of the formal induction ceremony. [If an applicant did not receive enough votes of membership they will also receive a letter of 'non-selection' which would identify areas of weakness at this time and encourage reapplying next year, if possible]

Once inducted into NHS membership individuals are required to maintain the same level of performance in all four criteria that led to their selection. Members are obligated to attend chapter meetings and participate in chapter service projects.

Students, or parents, who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations may contact the chapter adviser (Mr. Goehring).

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(This document will be suggested for insertion into the EHS Student Handbook concerning NHS and student selection.)