



NHS Selection Procedure

The National Honor Society chapter of East Knox High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of the National Honor Society.

Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed annually by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year. The chapter adviser, Ms. Meg Moledor, is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in 11th and 12th grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required.

East Knox requires that students participate in at least one student activity organization each year, and have a minimum of 10 hours of documented school or community service. Generally speaking, service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which compensation (monetary or other) has NOT been expected or given. Upon membership, the requirement for service hours increase to 20 per year.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council obtains additional professional input. First, official school disciplinary records

are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are requested to provide their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. These forms and the Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine whether each candidate meets the criteria for membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Following a review of the results of the Faculty Council voting by the principal, candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Once the notification process is completed, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held during the school year, and

participation in the chapter service projects(s). Additional obligations are a \$30 membership fee and the purchase of an official NHS stole.

Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Ms. Meg Moledor, in room 220 or by phone at 740-599-7000.

The Four Pillars of NHS:

- **Scholarship:** Demonstrates academic excellence and achievement.
- **Leadership:** Shows initiative, resourcefulness, and the ability to lead and work with others.
- **Service:** Involves voluntary contributions made to the school or community without compensation.
- **Character:** Demonstrates honesty, integrity, respect, and a clean disciplinary record.