

High School National Honor Society



Selection Procedures

1. The NHS advisor will review student academic records and verify those students who are academically eligible at the beginning of the second semester.
2. A letter of invitation will be delivered to each academically eligible student. This letter will notify the student of the guidelines, procedures and deadlines to follow if they wish to seek National Honor Society selection.
 - The responsibility for obtaining, completing, and returning the Student Activity Information forms and the essay by the deadline lies with the student.
 - Student Activity Information forms and essay must be returned by the date and time they are due. Failure to do so, or turning in an incomplete form, will disqualify the student from consideration.
3. The NHS advisor will review student records, including discipline and attendance records for further information regarding each student. All high school faculty will be asked to complete a NHS Candidate Evaluation form.
4. The Student Activity Information form, essay, Candidate Evaluation form, along with any other verifiable information about the candidates relevant to their consideration will be forwarded to the Faculty Council, whose members are appointed annually by the high school principal, for review.
5. Prior to notification of any candidates, the NHS advisor will report to the principal the results of the Faculty Council's deliberations for approval.
6. The NHS advisor will personally inform each student about their non-selection. At no time, and under no circumstances, will any NHS advisor or sponsor reveal to a student, parents, or other faculty: 1) who reported the student; 2) what the incident might have been; or 3) the Faculty Council vote.
 - Students who are not selected will be eligible for consideration the next year providing they meet candidacy requirements.
7. Students who are selected will be notified by letter, informing them of future expectations, responsibilities and events.
 - New members will be formally inducted into the society at the Spring Induction Ceremony.
8. To remain a member in good standing, each student must perform 24 hours of volunteer service per semester and maintain the standards by which he/she was selected. Failure to do so will result in probation and or expulsion as defined by the PPCS National Honor Society Constitution and Guidelines.

Selection Guidelines

Character

A candidate must be able to demonstrate an outstanding record of conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules, guidelines and policies; or must be able to demonstrate sufficient growth and improvement to compensate for previous inadequacies.

In order to be considered for selection a candidate must:

- Uphold principles of morality and ethics
- Demonstrate the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Regularly show courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Manifest truthfulness in obedience to rules, avoiding cheating, refraining from gossip, and showing an unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Cooperate by complying with school rules, regulations and expectations
- Observe instructions and rules; be punctual and faithful both inside and outside of the classroom
- Take criticism willingly and accept recommendations graciously

Any candidate whose conduct includes major and/or repetitive actions that violate, or reflect an attitude or spirit in opposition to the above expectations may be excluded from selection.

No student may be excluded without verification of the inadequate or substandard behavior by means of any of the following:

- *Administrative School records*
- *Discipline/Conduct record*
- *Behavior/Conduct ratings on grade reports*
- *Records of individual faculty members based on professional evaluation and action*
- *Parent Conference Records*

Leadership

A candidate must be able to demonstrate the potential and skills to lead within the school and the community.

In order to be considered for selection a student must:

- Exercise positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Exemplify a positive attitude
- Encourage positive behavior in others
- Demonstrate academic initiative
- Be thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- Be willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude

Other leadership qualities to be considered are:

- Resourcefulness
- Initiative in promoting school activities

- Ability to delegate responsibilities
- Success in holding school offices or positions of responsibility
- Leadership in the classroom, workplace community or other school activities

Service

A candidate must be able to demonstrate actions which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to themselves with an acceptable attitude of service.

In order to be considered for selection a student must:

- Volunteer and provide dependable assistance
- Be gladly available
- Be willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Work well with others
- Show courtesy by assisting others
- Be involved in at least one of the following activities:
- Participate in some activity outside of school
- Church groups, scouts, volunteer services for the elderly, poor or disadvantaged, etc.
- Mentor persons in the community or other students

(Exceptions to this requirement may be made by the Faculty Council based on individual student circumstances)

Other qualities to be considered are:

- Cheerfully and enthusiastically render any requested service to the school
- Do committee and staff work without complaint
- Willingly represent class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition