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Eligibility

Students who have a weighted cumulative quality point average of at least 5.1, are academically eligible to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society. However, membership cannot be granted on the basis of academics alone. Service, character, and leadership must be taken into consideration as well. The guidance department shall provide the National Honor Society advisor(s) with the weighted average of juniors and seniors.

Selection of Members

Membership in the National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student for outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service.

A representative faculty council, appointed by the principal and consisting of no fewer than five (5) members, shall make the selection of students for membership in the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society advisor(s) chairs the faculty council and is a non-voting member.

The National Honor Society advisor(s) prepares a list of students who are academically eligible for membership. Students are notified, in writing, of their academic eligibility for consideration. The faculty council determines the criteria for evaluating service, character, and leadership. Academically eligible students may be surveyed for information regarding their leadership and services, but this does not guarantee selection. Surveys submitted for consideration will be signed by a parent/guardian to attest that the information is complete and accurate. The entire faculty may be surveyed for input on a prospective candidate's character, leadership, character and service, but the final decision belongs strictly to the faculty council. All information provided to the council by the faculty shall be based on fact, known first-hand by the faculty member, or shall have been discussed with the student.

Probation or Dismissal

Any student who fails to maintain at least a weighted 5.1 cumulative quality point average (QPA) in subsequent marking periods after admission may be subject to probation for one marking period. Failure to improve a QPA of less than 5.1 after two marking periods shall lead to consideration of dismissal by vote of the faculty council.

A member may also be dropped from membership if he/she violates the purpose of the chapter and/or the high standards of the National Honor Society. The faculty council will review the case and vote on whether to retain the student as a member. The student will be notified in writing as to the reason why he/she has been placed on probation or dropped from membership. The student has the right to appeal the decision to the faculty council.

A member may also be dropped from membership for failure to pay dues or maintain active membership as described in the chapter bylaws. The faculty council will make the decision. However, membership should not be denied because of a student's inability to pay.

Notification to Students

Students shall be made aware of the selection criteria for the National Honor Society through an announcement of standards which may include notification in the student handbook, an informational letter, or other written means of communication. Students considered for the National Honor Society will be informed within a reasonable time of their selection or non-selection to the Society by the advisor(s) of the representative faculty council. The advisor(s) will meet and inform the principal before any public announcement of the council's selection of students to the Society. Means of communication may include public address announcements, articles in the school newspapers and other forms of public communication.

Appeals Procedure

Students who are not selected can request a meeting with the advisor(s) of the National Honor Society. The advisor(s) shall indicate the general area(s) in which the student was below expectations and recommend specific ways to improve in the future.

In addition, the principal shall explain the selection process to those students and parents who are unhappy with the results. The principal shall indicate the general area(s) in which the student was below expectations and recommend specific ways to improve in the future. Prior to notification of any candidates, the chapter advisor(s) shall review with the principal the results of the faculty council's decision. If the principal believes a technical error has been made in the selection process, he/she may ask the faculty council to reconvene and review the cases. The principal will investigate to ascertain that all aspects of the process were carried out fairly and properly.

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