



## NHS Selection Procedure Description

The Moreau Chapter of the National Honor Society of The Academy of the Holy Cross 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. Sarah Chase, is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete the 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. Eligible students will be notified by January 31, 2023 and will be required to enroll in the Candidates for Honor Societies Schoolology course. The Candidate Form will be available on the course page. The completed Candidate Form must be submitted electronically by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023. Expectations and responsibilities for membership can be found on the candidate form.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council obtains additional professional input. Official school disciplinary records will be reviewed. Members of the faculty may be requested to provide their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. These records 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 on Friday, March 3, 2023.

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 monthly during the school year, and participation in the chapter service projects, and completion of 5 service hours in addition to the required school service hours. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Ms. Chase at [schase@academyoftheholycross.org](mailto:schase@academyoftheholycross.org) or at ext. 402.