

National Honor Society  
St. Helens High School  
Selection of Members

Selection Procedure

Admission to the National Honor Society is limited to individuals who are clearly outstanding in regard to the traits of character, service, leadership, and scholarship. Selection to NHS is a privilege, not a right. Students do not apply for membership; instead they provide information to be used by Faculty Council to support their candidacy for membership. Membership is determined by a majority vote of the Faculty Council consisting of five faculty members appointed by the principal. This is not an election, nor is membership automatically conveyed simply because a student has achieved a specific level of academic success.

- I. In March, the National Honor Society advisor will obtain a list of those sophomores and juniors or in November a list of those seniors who have a cumulative semester grade point average 3.5 or above. These students are then considered to be candidates for membership.
- II. Disciplinary records will be reviewed. **Candidates must avoid serious or repeated discipline problems in school or in the community. Student's character is demonstrated by upholding principles of morality and ethics, cooperating and complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, and halls. Candidates observe instructions, rules, punctuality and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom. There is a manifestation of truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others. The candidate actively helps rid the school of bad influences and/or environment.**
- III. The advisor will give to each candidate a copy of the explanation of the selection process and an activities survey form which they will fill out and return to the advisor. All candidates must adhere to the deadline on the cover letter.
- IV. The Faculty Council, and the NHS advisors will take the following steps:
  - A. The Council will distribute the faculty survey to all certificated staff members. Staff will have the opportunity to provide feedback on any candidate that may not qualify based on conduct (character).
  - B. Information provided by the faculty will be taken to the Faculty Council for consideration in the selection process.
  - C. The Committee will review each academically eligible candidate's information form for demonstrated scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The form will be rated based on the content of this information and how well as it is documented. Failing to meet the deadline, type the form, provide names, signatures, phone numbers, or provide a well-developed statement of interest may result in lower scores. Incomplete and poorly documented forms may be turned down for membership.

D. The Council will rate each candidate's application using a scoring guide. As recommended by the national NHS organization, cut-off scores are not an absolute determinant but merely a guide in the selection process. All selection is by majority vote of the Council and candidates who fall below the cut-off will be evaluated and voted on by the Council.

V. The five-member Faculty Council shall by majority vote approve individual selection to the chapter for each candidate.

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