



# JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

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## Jefferson High School NHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Honor Society chapter of Jefferson 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, Dr. Rice, is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Rising 11th and 12th graders with a cumulative HOPE grade point average of 3.7 or better, and who have completed a combination of six honors and AP courses, prior to the semester of selection, are eligible for membership. Those students who meet these scholastic criteria are invited to complete a Candidate Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's character, history of leadership, and previous school or community service experiences.

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. After induction, 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 project(s). Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Dr. Rice, in room 305 or by email at [jerry.rice@jeffcityschools.org](mailto:jerry.rice@jeffcityschools.org).



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