



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**  
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**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Potential members are evaluated in four areas: **Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.**

The following is a brief description of the criteria.

**Scholarship**

- The scholarship requirement set by the national Council is based on a student's cumulative grade point average.
- The minimum grade point average allowable is a 90. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of leadership, service, and character.

**Leadership**

- The leadership criteria are considered highly important for membership selection. Leadership roles in both the school and community may be considered provided they can be verified.
- The student who exercises leadership:
  - Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability.
  - Is a leader in the classroom, at work, in other school and community activities.

**Service (requires consistent participation in school and community service-outside of the school organization)**

- Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student, which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service.
- The student who serves:
  - Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
  - Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school and to the community.
  - Does committee and staff work without complaint.
  - Participates in some activities **outside of school**; for example, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor or disadvantaged.
  - Participates in consistent non-paid activities that benefit school and the community. This does not include one-time events such as shoveling now or paid services like babysitting.

**Character**

- A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship
- A Student of Character:
  - Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
  - Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
  - Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.

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