



## NHS Selection Procedure

The **National Honor Society** chapter of **Baldwin Preparatory Academy** 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 a majority vote of the 5-member Faculty Council, appointed annually by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school. The chapter adviser, Dana Pridgen, is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in grades 10-12 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Additionally, the student's record must not contain a D or F on their report card, an out-of-school suspension, or an academic dishonesty referral in their high school career (grades 9-12). Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Application 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.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council also considers teacher input. Applicants are required to provide the faculty council with no less than 4 teacher evaluations that provide professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. These evaluations, along with the Candidate Application 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 Faculty Council voting results by the principal, candidates are notified of their selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Once the notification process is completed, a formal induction ceremony will be held 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 during the school year, a minimum of 10 community service hours per semester, and participation in the annual chapter service project. A full list of member obligations is provided to all candidates and is available from the chapter adviser upon request. Students or parents with questions about the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Dana Pridgen, by email at [dpridgen@bcbe.org](mailto:dpridgen@bcbe.org) or by phone at 251-947-8414.