National Honor Society
Selection Process Contract

Parents and students must understand that no student has the right to be selected for membership in a chapter of the National Honor Society. Failure to be accorded an honor cannot be a deprivation of a right, and due process is not applicable to such situations (Appendix I, National Honor Society Handbook). Non-selection may occur, if so, reconsideration by the committee will not occur. Students submitting information forms must accept all decisions of the faculty council without argument and without exception. Reasons for non-selection may be given, but it is not a requirement imposed upon the faculty council, principal, superintendent, or advisor.

We understand the above information, and we agree to accept and abide by the faculty council's decision and the by-laws of the National Honor Society and the Community High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

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Student signature Parent signature

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Date

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INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any Junior or Senior with a cumulative grade point of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale, who has been in attendance at Salem Community High School for at least one full semester, is welcome to fill out an information form for the National Honor Society. No person will be considered for membership unless a form is submitted; however, submitting a form does not guarantee selection. In addition, only those students who sign the Selection Process Contract (the parent's signature is also required) will be considered for membership.

Forms must be typed. Generate your own form on a computer, following the example form. Sample completed forms are posted on the National Honor Society page of salemhigh.com. Only accomplishments and activities from high school years will be considered. **Do not** include references to events or awards prior to the 9th grade. **It is important that you be as thorough as possible.** The committee may not know you and will rely heavily on the information you provide. It is also essential that you be absolutely truthful. Any false or exaggerated information will result in your disqualification. Information packets must be picked up in Room 309 and signed for by the student. **No one may apply unless they sign for a packet in Room 309. The last day to get a packet is Thursday, September 17, 2026.**

In order to be selected for the NHS, individuals must qualify in four areas: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The committee evaluates each person on each of the qualities. It is important to demonstrate your past leadership roles, your character, and your service to others (this cannot be work for which you were compensated in any way). **Any work you performed which you wish to list under service, must be work you performed by choice and from which you do not profit in *any way*.** If you worked Partnership Hours for your iPad, then you were compensated for them with your iPad. iPad Partnership Hours do not count toward service. Do not include any activities under service which are connected with school groups such as Basketball, Football, Peer Helpers, FBLA, Student Council, etc., as service. Those items should be listed under extracurricular activities. If you are unsure whether or not an item should be listed under service, please stop by and ask Miss Schuler. She is not a member of the committee, and can offer assistance on the form if you wish.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Salem Community High School follows the national guidelines prescribed by the National Honor Society for selection of members. The Principal appoints a committee of five faculty members each year to serve as the Faculty Council. A list of those to be considered, based on the interested students who have submitted information forms, is given to every faculty member in the school. They have an opportunity to write positive or negative comments about those to be considered. The Faculty Council discusses the information forms, along with the comments, in closed meetings. A secret ballot vote is taken in each of the three remaining areas, on each student considered for induction. If a student fails to get the majority (3) of the Faculty Council to vote "yes" in **each area**, the individual cannot be inducted.

SELECTION/INDUCTION TIMELINE

Forms available: Thursday, September 3, 2026.
Forms due in Room 309: Friday, September 18, 2026, 7:55 a.m.
ABSOLUTLY NO EXCEPTIONS! Late forms will not be accepted for any reason!
Inductees to be announced: No later than Friday, October 16.
Induction: Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00 p.m. **Attendance is mandatory.**