

NHS Selection Process

The National Honor Society chapter of Northland Preparatory Academy is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a three-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each April/May.

Students in the 11th and 12th grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Member Application 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 is required.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input: first, school disciplinary records are reviewed; second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's character and leadership. These forms and the Member Application are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly-selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance in all four criteria (or better) that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held bi-monthly during the school year, and participation in the chapter service project(s).

Student or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Kymberly Stanoff, in room 814 or by phone at 928-214-8776.