

National Honor Society Selection Criteria

(Beginning year 2010-2011)

The National Honor Society Council establishes the national standards for all NHS chapters. Local chapters create their own by-laws which are to be consistent with and comply with the NHS National Constitution.

Membership in the NHS is an honor. The NHS strives to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers and the community. There are rules for memberships that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character. These four criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

Prerequisite for Selection

1. Students in a school with an official NHS charter.
2. Membership is restricted to juniors and seniors. Dryden students will be inducted as early as their sophomore year in anticipation of their junior year membership.
3. Students need to have a cumulative, unweighted 89.5 grade point average.
 - There is no quota membership per class.

Criteria for Selection

After mid- year grades are finalized, Mrs. Jenne, the NHS advisor will determine who is eligible for the NHS based on grade printouts from Guidance. Those newly eligible will be sent a letter indicating their eligibility. All eligible candidates will be given the opportunity to apply for membership, but eligibility does not guarantee acceptance. Only the application packets completed and submitted by the deadline indicated will be considered.

Rubric Scoring: Evaluation of a candidate's performance in the areas of

- a. Leadership – Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and person's who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activity while working with or for others.
- b. Service – Student service is defined through the voluntary contributions made by student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.
- c. Character- Student character is displayed by upholding the principals of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern and respect for others and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Each category is worth up to 20 out of 60 total points. Applicants who have less than a 45 total will have a brief written statement from the scoring committee to identify areas of improvement. Applicants who do not meet the criteria are able to apply next year providing they meet the prerequisites .