

CRESSKILL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS) SELECTION PROCEDURES - The following is a summary of the information used after the *first semester of junior year* by the faculty council to assist with the consideration of NHS candidates during the selection process. Please know that *only activities related to grades 9-12* are considered. *No middle school activities* are acceptable, only your activities from the September in which you began your 9th grade year.

Leadership Roles- You will be required to document *at least two* elected or appointed leadership positions or other positions of responsibility held in school, community, or work activities. **Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included** (e.g., elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader). You will be required to *include the name of the adult responsible* for supervising your leadership in each position. *If this adult is not a high school faculty member, you will be asked to include a phone number* where he/she can be reached.

Other Student Activities- You will be required to list other school activities (not noted above) in which you participated. You will be asked to include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and accomplishments; however, unlike above, these activities need *NOT* be those for which you served as a leader.

Service Activities- You will be required to list *at least 25-30 hours* of service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done **either in or out of school**. Generally, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or otherwise) has been given. You will be required to *name an adult supervisor* who can verify your participation in each activity and to list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service. *If the supervising adult is not a high school faculty member, you will be asked to include a phone number* where he/she can be reached.

Other Community Activities- You will be required to list other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities **outside of school** in which you participated for the betterment of your community (e.g., religious groups, clubs sponsored *outside* the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc.). You will be asked to include *the name of the adult supervisor* of each activity. *If this supervising adult is not a high school faculty member, you will be required to include a phone number* where he/she can be reached.

Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards- *Though not a specific criterion for membership*, you will be asked, if you have them, to list any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received that support your candidacy for membership in the Honor Society. Work experience may be paid or volunteer. For the supervising adult, please *include a phone number* where he/she can be reached.

GPA Requirement – To be considered academically eligible for NHS, you must, by the end of the first semester of your junior year, have earned *a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or better*.

Character Requirement - Additional information will be requested from the entire teaching staff to assist in this important selection process. In short, if teachers display serious concerns/issues concerning your character as a student and person during grades 9-11, this may compromise your eligibility.