

## Selection Criteria and Timeline for National Honor Society

### *How and when are students selected for National Honor Society?*

Each spring, new members are inducted into the Norwich High School chapter of the National Honor Society. They are chosen through the process outlined below and honored at an Induction Ceremony which celebrates their achievements.

1. The National Honor Society advisor receives a list of all sophomores and juniors who have an overall GPA of 92% or better after the second quarter. (sometime around the middle of February)
2. The advisor then distributes Student Information Surveys to each of those students. The surveys explain the criteria for acceptance into the National Honor Society and allow the students to provide information to the Selection Committee to support their application. Only students who complete this survey, and turn it in on time, will be considered by the Selection Committee for admittance into the National Honor Society. This survey is typically due the first week of April.
3. The High School Principal chooses five members of the faculty to serve on the Selection Committee. They meet, under the leadership of the National Honor Society Advisor, to choose the new members. This meeting occurs sometime in mid-April.
4. In order to be selected, students must show scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Scholarship is determined solely by the student's GPA, and is not further reviewed by the Selection Committee. The other three characteristics are determined by the information given to the Selection Committee by the student in their Student Information Survey.
5. The decision to select a student for National Honor Society is solely based on the information in their survey, their student record, and faculty feedback. The Selection Committee looks at all discipline referrals as well as comments from the faculty in making their decision. They also use the Student Information Survey to determine if a student meets the criteria. Students must show a significant commitment to service, leadership, and character. If a student does not list service or leadership activities, as well as exhibiting good character, they will not be admitted to the National Honor Society.
6. After the Selection Committee meets, decisions are given to the students in the form of a letter from the National Honor Society advisor.
7. The annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony takes place in early May.

*I would like to be a member of the National Honor Society. What should I be doing to help my chances of being selected?*

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on the four pillars of knowledge – scholarship, service, leadership, and character. In order to be selected by the Faculty Selection Committee as a member of the National Honor Society, you must show commitment in each of those areas.

1. **Scholarship** – Make sure your overall GPA is above 92%.
2. **Service** – Participate in community service activities as well as activities that serve your school. Service activities outside the school can include anything that you do for a group or person who is not a member of your family. You should not receive compensation for service activities. Some school activities count as service – for example, Dollars for Scholars, Select Choir, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Musical Stage Crew, Student Government, Class Officers, and others. (Generally, any activity that serves the school or your peers.) The faculty committee typically likes to see at least 20 hours per school year.
3. **Leadership** – Participate in leadership activities in the school or community. Some ideas include student government, student body or class officer, club officer, committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager, or community leader. You must also show leadership in the classroom. That means leading class activities and acting as a positive role model for other students.
4. **Character** – Students should show good character in all of their classes and activities. Each student who is being considered for membership in the National Honor Society is asked to give the names of 5 High School faculty members who will complete a survey that tells about their character and leadership in the classroom. The Selection Committee considers that information, as well as other faculty comments and all discipline information in making their decision. Students should have positive behavior in all of their classes and activities.