

## **CHANGES: ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION FOR NHS – THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – AT MARANACOOK**

The National Honor Society at Maranacook is more than just an academic society or honor roll. Students are deemed to be eligible for NHS based on their cumulative grade point averages, but the Selection Committee also looks for the well-rounded student who demonstrates strong characteristics of leadership, character and community service.

Following is the process:

- 1.) Students who are sophomores, juniors or seniors with a 3.2 cumulative gpa are determined to be eligible for the NHS. These students are invited to submit the student nomination form and the additional forms.
- 2.) The necessary student forms include the following:
  - a) Student nomination form – pink form (signed by student and parent)
  - b) TWO adult recommendation forms – blue form
  - c) Community service verification sheets -- yellow form
- 3.) Once the forms have all been turned in, the Selection committee meets to go over the nomination information. The principal appoints the Selection Committee, which consists of five high school teachers. The Selection Committee considers all of the information.

Here are guidelines for the criteria areas from the NHS Handbook::

Leadership – “Student leaders are often viewed as those students who are resourceful, good problem solvers, involved in and promoters of school activities, idea contributors, dependable, and who are both organized and organizers. Experiences to be considered under the leadership criteria can include activities that originate in the school or community or both.”

Service – “This quality is defined as the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, without direct financial or material compensation.” Rough guidelines for Maranacook students include these hours of service for each year: 15 hours for sophomores, 20 hours for juniors and 25 hours for seniors.

Character – “The student of good character can be said to be one who upholds principles of morality and ethics; is cooperative and responsible; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy concern and respect for others; and is a good citizen.” This year we will be adding the criteria of the HOW (Habits of Work) grades from current teachers

4.) Teachers also have the opportunity to comment on any of the candidates for selection. This year we will be adding the criteria of the HOW (Habits of Work) grades from current teachers.

5.) When the Selection Committee decides on the students who will be members, the students are tapped during the school day. The NHS Advisor also meets with the students who were not selected and gives some them some feedback. The new members are then inducted at a formal induction service.

6.) Students are considered to be members in good standing if they have participated in the mandatory service projects of the Maranacook chapter. In addition, members must perform and document at least 15 hours of individual community service each year. At graduation, the NHS members wear blue stoles to signify their membership in this national organization.

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