



# National Honor Society

Restructure

School Committee Presentation  
Thursday, February 13, 2020

**Medfield High School NHS requirements  
follow the 4 pillars of the  
National Society Organization**



Scholarship  
Service  
Leadership  
Character

## PROCESS

1. Meeting with Administration in Spring 2019
2. MHS National Honor Society Faculty Council meeting to discuss requirements  
**Faculty Council members:** Gail Duffy, Russ Becker, Kathleen Emerson, Sarah Rodenhi, Diane Lyon  
**NHS Student Advisor (non-voting member):**  
Beth Sancher
3. Gathered information from surrounding communities

## PROCESS continued

4. Ongoing collaboration with Administration  
Jeff Marsden, Robert Parga, Heather Mandosa,  
Stephanie Worthley, Gail Duffy, Beth Sancher
  
5. Reconvene with MHS National Honor Society Faculty  
Council meeting to discuss requirements
  - Based on continued feedback the committee voted to take the information into consideration and re-propose a 3.6 weighted instead of a 3.8 unweighted.

## Why?

There are several reasons as to why we feel the change is necessary...

1. After attending several NHS conferences around the country we realized our GPA standards are considerably lower.
2. The last time the Medfield chapter of the NHS instituted a GPA change was in 2002 - originally it was that an eligible student could receive no grade lower than a B-. In the past eighteen years we at MHS have made considerable academic strides.

## Why continued

3. A 3.6 weighted GPA is a more reasonable reflection of the true academic excellence represented by the Medfield High School's National Honor Society.
4. While we are cognizant of the Social Emotional Learning Objective and the Challenge Success program we believe that NHS is a place where this true academic distinction should be recognised and celebrated. We have shared this philosophy with Challenge Success and they are in agreement.

# Changes

## TIMELINES

Change from  
spring of  
Sophomore year  
induction to fall  
of Junior year



## WEIGHTED GPA

Change from  
unweighted  
GPA to a  
weighted GPA



## GPA ELIGIBILITY

Change from 3.33  
unweighted GPA to 3.6  
weighted GPA



# TIMELINES



### **For students graduating in 2020 -2023**

- Sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a 3.33 UGPA are eligible to apply
- Students notified of eligibility February
- Students have three weeks to complete their application
- Faculty Council reviews application mid March
- Students are notified of acceptance/rejection
- Induction takes place in May

### **For students graduating in 2024 and beyond**

- Juniors and seniors with a 3.6 WGPA are eligible to apply
- Juniors and seniors are notified of eligibility the first week in September
- Juniors and seniors have three weeks to complete their applications
- Students are notified of acceptance/rejection by the second week in October
- Induction takes place in November



# WEIGHTED GPA

## **WEIGHTED GPA**

### **Where are we now:**

Medfield High School currently has a 3.33 unweighted GPA.

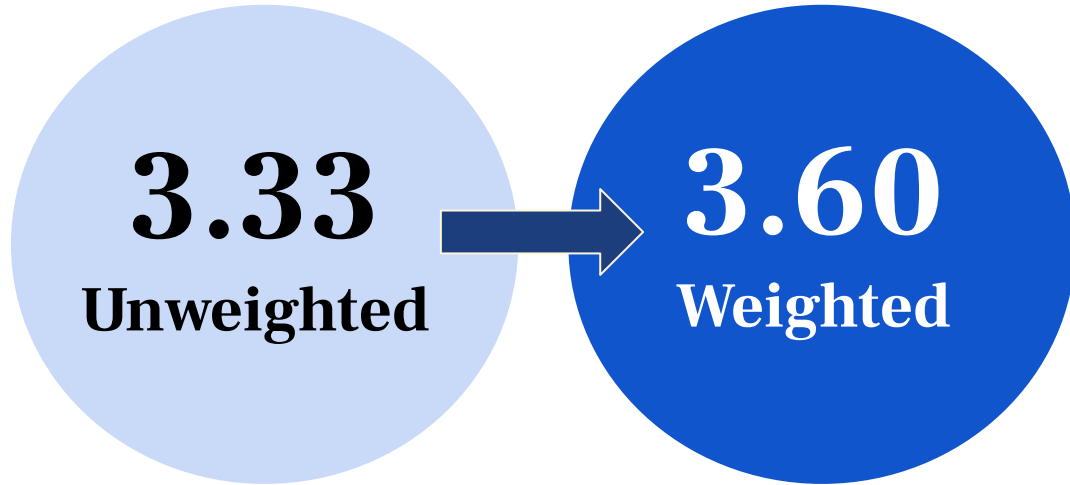
### **Where are we going:**

Moving to a weighted GPA will allow for students who take both Honors, C1, and C2 classes an opportunity to be considered eligible to apply to the NHS.



# GPA ELIGIBILITY

**GPA  
ELIGIBILITY**





# NHS Bylaws

## ARTICLE IX: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 2. The national minimum standard for scholarship shall be a cumulative scholastic average of at least 85 percent, B, or 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent standard of excellence. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.

Amendment: Local chapters may raise the cumulative GPA standard above the national minimum, or increase standards for the remaining selection criteria, apply them fairly and consistently, and include these standards in their locally published selection procedures.