

Newark Catholic High School

National Honor Society

St. John Bosco Chapter National Honor Society



Selection Criteria

The NHS National 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.

Any student in grades 11 through 12 in a school with both an official charter of the National Honor Society and an affiliation with the NASSP Department of Student Activities is eligible for consideration for membership in the National Honor Society (instructions for obtaining a Charter and/or affiliation are found on the pages that follow). All membership selection is handled through the local school chapter.

NHS is more than just an honor roll. The NHS chapter establishes rules for membership 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.

- **Scholarship:** "students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) set by the local school's faculty council meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character." (NHS Constitution, Article IX, section 2)
- **Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.
- **Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activity while working with or for others.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles 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.

The National Honor Society Pledge

I pledge myself to uphold to the best of my ability the trust put in me and the honor bestowed upon me by the National Honor Society. I will strive to fulfill the qualities of Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service and to devote myself to making this a truly Christian Society.