



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

2015-2016

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. Those characteristics are scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Membership is both an honor and a commitment. The Snow Hill High School National Honor Society will function within the framework of the operation of the National Council for the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

I. Eligibility will be determined after consideration in the following areas:

A. Scholarship

All courses taken by a student will count toward the scholarship characteristic. Students may become eligible following the completion of their sophomore year. To be academically eligible, a candidate's simple cumulative grade point average (non-weighted/non-rounded) must be **3.5** or higher.

Honor Society calculations shall be made based on all final course averages, which include final exams.

Calculation Example (example contains fewer courses than actual):

Course	Grade	Grade Points Earned	Possible Grade Points
Alg I	A	4	4
AP English	A	4	4
Phys Ed	A	4	4
US History	C	2	4
Biology	B	3	4
Band	A	4	4
Tech Ed	B	3	4
English 12	A	4	4
French I	A	4	4

Calculation Example:

Simple Cumulative G.P.A.= (Grade Points Earned / Number of Courses Taken)

$$= 32 / 9 = 3.5555$$

For the given example the student would be academically eligible.



B. Service, Leadership, and Character

Once scholastically eligible, service, leadership, and character are evaluated by the entire faculty. Given a list of character standards, teachers report behavior that would make a student ineligible for induction. Students' actions in the community are also taken into consideration when evaluating character.

To be eligible for the National Honor Society, a student must be active in the school/community. By volunteering their time and leadership to extra curricular activities, candidates must provide a wholesome influence on their school.

Once the faculty council determines who will be inducted based on all four NHS cornerstones, candidates not being granted membership will be met with individually. They will be advised on shortcomings in leadership, service, and/or character that need to improve if the student wants to be inducted in the future.

The faculty council will evaluate members at the end of each semester to certify that they are maintaining membership requirements. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

II. Disciplinary measures

A member is never automatically dismissed for failing to maintain standards. But members should understand fully that they are liable for dismissal if they do not maintain the standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character that were used as the basis for their selection.

Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the faculty council and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency; however, in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not necessarily have to be warned. Other disciplinary measures are possible for minor offenses. The Faculty Council may issue warning or probation letters. Students who receive a probation letter will be suspended from certain chapter privileges and/or activities for a specified length of time, and/or the faculty council may request that the student receive special counseling. The goal of disciplinary measures is to reeducate the student to more appropriate behavior.

The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to a hearing before the faculty council. A student who is dismissed or who resigns may never again become an Honor Society member.