



National Honor Society Selection Procedure Description

The National Honor Society Edmund Campion chapter of Cardinal Spellman is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each fall.

Students in grades 11 and 12 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale. At the conclusion of the spring semester those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete an application that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's extracurricular & community activities, leadership, and service.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all components of the candidate's application are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.

For the 2020-2021 school year the following schedule is in place:

June 2020- Rising Juniors and Seniors GPAs are pulled to invite students who have a minimum of a 3.6 GPA.

July 2020-September 2020- Students receive invitation in the mail to apply to the National Honor Society. Qualified candidates work on their online application and complete the 10-hour minimum service hours requirement.

September 2020: Applications and the teacher commitment form are due to the NHS Advisor.



September 2020: Teachers work on their recommendations for each candidate (3 per candidate).

End of September-Mid October 2020: Faculty Council convenes to review candidate's applications.

October 16th 2020: Candidates are notified via email of their selection or nonselection to the National Honor Society with instructions on accepting the invitation to join or appealing the decision of the Faculty Council.

October 29th 2020: National Honor Society Induction