National Honor Society Selection Criteria

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The selection criteria for NHS will be based on a points system that evaluates students' performance according to the four criteria: <u>scholarship</u>, <u>character</u>, <u>leadership</u>, <u>and service</u>. A committee will examine students' applications and they will each score the students using the point system. In order to be accepted students must obtain a **total of 100 points with at least 20 points in service and 20 points in leadership**. The selection committee will use the following criteria when applications are read and evaluated. There is a minimum academic requirement of a cumulative GPA of a 3.6 or better to be eligible for the National Honor Society. Any student who has met these criteria by the Fall of their Junior year will receive an application by mail. **Leadership**:

The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in solving new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business effectively and efficiently, and without prodding, demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, and in the school or community activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

Students who demonstrate defined leadership roles and/or responsibilities in a school related activity such as a sport or club, or in a community organization or project for **at least 6 months** will receive a maximum of:

10 points for involvement in each club/sport/organization.

OR

Students who demonstrate defined leadership roles and/or responsibilities in a school related activity such as a sport or club, or in a community organization or project for **at least 2 years** will receive a maximum of:

20 points for involvement in each club/sport/organization

Service:

The student who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
- Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities

- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

Students who demonstrate examples of *substantial voluntary* contributions made to the school or community <u>without compensation</u> for **at least 6 months** will receive a maximum of:

10 points for involvement in each club/organization.

OR

Students who demonstrate examples of <u>substantial voluntary</u> contributions made to the school or community <u>without compensation</u> for **at least 2 years** will receive a maximum of:

20 points for involvement in each club/organization.

Character

Students who demonstrate good character by upholding morality, ethics, and honesty while showing courtesy and concern for other individuals will receive the **maximum of 20 points** in this category. Any student who has any documented violation of these principles or school policies by the teaching staff or administration **may** be in jeopardy of not being admitted into NHS.

Application

Students will receive a maximum of **5 points** for handing in a completed application that is neat, clear, and comprehensive. The required components include: following all instructions stated on the cover page, 2 sheets defining service and leadership, 2 essays, and a recommendation.

Ineligible Applicants:

Students *may* be denied acceptance into NHS for the following reasons:

- Handing in application after the designated deadline
- Omitting sections of the application.
- Having no phone numbers and/or verifying signatures.
- Missing the required recommendation.
- Violating a school policy as determined by the WTHS administration.

NOTES:

Any questions please feel free to contact either advisor listed above. It is important to get involved in things both inside and outside of school as early as your freshman year. We suggest you keep a journal of all of your accomplishments, activities and volunteer service as it will be easier once it is time to complete the NHS packet your junior year.