



Carthage High School (CHS) National Honor Society (NHS) Procedure Description

The National Honor Society chapter of Carthage High School 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 and spring semester.

Students in the eleventh or twelfth grade are eligible for membership if they have attended CHS for at least one semester. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Each fall and spring, students who meet this criterion of scholarship are invited to complete an NHS Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding each candidate's leadership roles and service record.

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

Any solicited faculty input and all candidate forms are carefully reviewed by the locally appointed faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection 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.