The purpose of the National Honor Society, according to our organization's official constitution, is "to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." Therefore, membership in the National Honor Society is based on excellence in four areas: **scholarship**, **leadership**, **service**, and **character**.

As an honor society, students must be invited to join. To be eligible academically, a student must have a minimum of 3.70 grade point average. Students who meet this minimum academic standard will receive a letter inviting them to be evaluated for membership beginning in the **spring of their sophomore year**. Juniors and seniors who meet the minimum criteria and are not current members are also invited to submit materials.

As outlined in the letter of invitation, eligible students must submit all materials for consideration before the deadline listed. Late materials will not be considered, and any student who misses the deadline will need to wait for the next induction year cycle to apply. The selection of members is based on a majority vote by the Faculty Council, and decisions are announced approximately a week later. New members will receive a letter with information regarding the Induction Ceremony, which is traditionally held in early March. All new members are expected to attend this ceremony.

All NHS members must remain in good standing, both academically and with respect to conduct and demerits. Any student whose gpa falls below 3.70 for more than one quarter may be placed on NHS probation and will have one quarter to raise the gpa. Any student whose final gpa falls below 3.70 upon graduation may lose NHS status and be unable to wear the NHS stole at graduation.

Some of our NHS service projects have included: serving as tour guides for the Open House in October, offering peer-tutoring, participating in Teacher Appreciation Week, and serving at the Senior Awards Dinner.

We look forward to welcoming new members in the spring!

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