

## When do I apply for NHS?

Students who meet the prerequisite of having a minimum weighted GPA of 4.0/5.0 after at least three semesters of coursework are invited to apply to NHS early in second semester. Invitations are sent via an email to students school email address. The process of application and acceptance are typically completed during March each year.

## How is membership in NHS determined?

You are assessed based on the pillars of NHS: Scholarship - Service - Leadership - Character

### Scholarship:

- Minimum GPA of 4.0/5.0 (weighted)
  - GPA is a prerequisite for application, once you have met the requirement it is no longer taken into consideration. In other words there is no difference between a 4.2 and a 4.5.
- Division Chairs and Deans screen for academic integrity violations, disciplinary infractions and response to remediation

### Service:

- Previous service is **not** a requirement
- This pillar is addressed within the student application essays
  - A link to a google form will be provided to applicants

### Leadership:

- Based on current teacher evaluations
  - Evaluation criteria set by current NHS officer feedback
  - Teacher evaluations are anonymous to maintain the integrity of the application process

### Character:

- This pillar is addressed within the student application essays
  - A link to a google form will be provided to applicants
- Involvement in at least one extracurricular activity or sport (an activity from within the school community not linked to a grade)
  - Participating in 1 club/sport is not valued more or less than participation in 8 clubs/sports.

An NHS Selection Panel of teachers, administrators, and staff from across the building will meet yearly to decide membership each year. The panel will view all information using a confidential ID number only to remove all bias. NHS sponsors will not be members of this panel.

A large number of students qualify for and apply to be a member of NHS. Not all applicants will be selected. This does not mean that you have poor leadership skills or character. The students invited to join NHS are amongst the top performing and most involved students in our school. This is a highly selective club. If you are not selected, it does not reflect a lack of leadership or character.

## What do I do if I do not agree with the decision made by the NHS Selection Panel?

Students who maintain the required GPA are invited to apply again during the next school year. Students who have questions about the final decision of the NHS Selection Panel should first contact the club sponsors to address their concerns. Any questions that can not be answered by the sponsors will be directed to the AP of Student Life and Operations. From there, questions would be addressed by our building principal.