



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Hello parents and guardians,

My name is Ms. Weyler, and I am the National Honor Society sponsor at Westside High School. Although the formal initiation for new members of National Honor Society is not until April, the preparation begins much earlier. Students must meet a few requirements to be eligible for applying to NHS. It is important to be aware of these requirements now so that if your junior or senior is interested, you both understand what is expected of them.

Academic Requirements

Westside students must have a 3.5 weighted GPA or higher.

Service Learning Hours

- **Juniors** must have earned at least 60 service learning hours to apply in the spring of 2026. This year, the service learning forms must be submitted in X2Vol by December 19th, 2025.
- **Seniors** must have earned at least 80 service learning hours to apply in the fall of 2025 OR the spring of 2026. Fall applicants must have their service learning forms submitted in X2Vol by August 29th, 2025. Spring applicants' service learning forms must be submitted in X2Vol by December 19th, 2025.

Application

In the fall and the spring, a list of eligible students will be sent to the sponsor who will send applications to all identified students. From that point, students will demonstrate their leadership, extracurricular, and community involvement using a record sheet; on this form, they will have their coaches and sponsors validate their participation during their years of involvement. ***Students will not be able to record leadership, extracurricular, or community involvement activities where they earned service learning hours.***

Essay

Students will write a short essay highlighting their leadership experience, community contributions, and character based on a prompt in the application. This essay is also a chance to highlight character growth and recovery from academic or personal setbacks.

Faculty Feedback

School faculty are an important part of the admission process because they have the most daily interactions with the applicants. Once applications are collected, school staff are asked to weigh in on both negative and positive experiences with the applying students that demonstrate student character. Administration and counseling also contribute recorded information on any disciplinary or referral actions that involve the applicants. A discipline or referral incident on a student's record does not mean they should not apply; while it can stop an applicant from being admitted, it also can give students a chance to demonstrate growth through choices and consequences.

If you have questions about Westside's NHS chapter, please feel free to reach out to me via email at weyler.charlotte@westside66.net.