



NHS Procedure Description

The **National Honor Society** chapter of **Windthorst High School** is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of the National Honor Society.

Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed annually by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year. The chapter adviser, JJ Belcher, is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in their sophomore and junior year are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a **Candidate Form** that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. An additional history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required.

SERVICE

This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. The student will complete at least 8 community service hours with adult verifications that meet the following criteria:

- Service activities are done on behalf of others (not including immediate family members).
- No compensation - grade, class credit, monetary or other - has been given.
- Service activities must be done outside the school day or during unscheduled time.
- The primary intent of the activity is to aid and assist others for the good of the community.

LEADERSHIP

Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others:

- The activities placed the student in a position of special responsibility (committee head, directing or planning an event, etc.)
- The role required the student to facilitate effective communication between individuals and/or groups.

- The role required the student and his/her group to set a goal and create an action plan to achieve it.

CHARACTER

The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council obtains additional professional input. First, official school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are requested to provide their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. These forms and the Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine whether each candidate meets the criteria for membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Following a review of the results of the Faculty Council voting by the Principal, candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Once the notification process is completed, 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 criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year, and participation in the chapter service projects. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, JJ Belcher, by phone at 9404236680, or by email at jj.belcher@windthorstisd.net.