

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society chapters of Division Avenue High School and MacArthur High School are duly chartered and affiliated chapters of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapters' needs.

Students are selected to be members by a five-member Faculty Council appointed by the Principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty and our school each spring.

Students in the eleventh, or twelfth grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student's most recent six consecutive quarters are reviewed and must reveal:

- A cumulative average of 90 or above

OR

- A cumulative average of 85 or above in an academic year in which the student is taking three or more Honors/ACL, College Credit, or AP level courses.

Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership experiences and participation in school and community service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is required.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input: first, school disciplinary records are reviewed; second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's character and leadership. These forms and the Student Activity Information are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection.

Following candidate notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level (or better) of performance in all four criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at scheduled meetings, and ten hours of community service per quarter.

Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter advisor at 520-8350 (Division Avenue) or 520-8450 (MacArthur).