

Handbook Description of NHS:

The Port Neches-Groves Chapter of the National Honor Society is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter 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 chapter 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 each spring. Membership is a privilege, not a right. No student with a disability may be excluded from consideration based on the disability.

Students in the 11th or 12th grades are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75. Students meeting this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information form that provides information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A personal history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is required by the national organization.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council reviews several forms of input: school disciplinary and conduct records and written evidence of behavior not in keeping with the Code of Conduct submitted by faculty or staff. Such behavior would include, but is not limited to, cheating, helping another student to cheat, truancy, assignment to ISS or alternative school, or expulsion. The Faculty Council carefully considers points accumulated by students in each category to determine that all four required standards are met. Every effort is made to safeguard student privacy. Data made available to the Faculty Council is presented without students' names, and all selection materials are destroyed within two weeks after the Faculty Council meets.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance in all four criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes attendance at monthly chapter meetings and participation in chapter service projects.

Sources: *Leadership for Student Activities*; Port Neches-Groves Chapter of the National Honor Society By-Laws. Article II: Selection. 1; *Adviser Workshop Handout*, Updated 8.04.