



# **Antioch Community High School**

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

### **STANDARDS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a student. Membership in NHS brings the accomplishments of students who possess outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and character to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Membership is an honor conveyed upon students; it is not a right earned.

#### **Standards**

The four ideals that are the criteria used for selection to NHS are scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student – one who excels in all of these areas. To be eligible for membership in this group, a student must be a sophomore or junior who has been in attendance at ACHS the equivalent of at least one semester and who meets the following criteria:

1. **Scholarship:** Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better.
2. **Leadership:** Must demonstrate leadership. The student who exercises leadership:
  - Is resourceful in proposing solutions, applying principles, and making suggestions.
  - Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities.
  - Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
  - Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
  - Is able to delegate responsibilities.
  - Exemplifies positive attitudes.
  - Inspires positive behavior in others.
  - Demonstrates academic initiative.
  - Successfully holds school offices or portions of responsibility; conduct business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability and dependability.
  - Is a leader in the classroom, at work, and in other school or community activities.
  - Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.
  - Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
3. **Service:** Must participate actively in school and/or community activities to the extent that the individual is involved in providing service throughout the year in several different ways. The student who serves:
  - Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
  - Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
  - Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
  - Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
  - Does committee and staff work without complaint.
  - Participates in community and school activities.
  - Mentors persons in the community or students.
  - Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.
4. **Character:** Must demonstrate qualities which society aspires to achieve and finds admirable. A student of character:
  - Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
  - Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability.)
  - Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
  - Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
  - Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
  - Regularly shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
  - Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom.
  - Has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
  - Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
  - Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.

## **Selection Procedures**

Students are selected for NHS based on the above standards. Students may be selected during the second semester of their sophomore or junior year.

- Step one: Any sophomore or junior who has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 will be invited by letter to attend an informational assembly.
- Step two: At this assembly, the students will receive an explanation of the selection procedure, forms to complete, and deadlines to meet.
- Step three: Students must submit a completed Student Activity Information Form and an essay by the deadline established. The Student Activity Information Form must be signed by the student and the parent/guardian. Failure to turn in these materials by the designated deadline will indicate to the NHS Faculty Council that the student does not wish to be considered for membership.
- Step four: Names of those candidates who have completed steps one through three will be submitted to the faculty as a whole. The faculty will rate the candidates in the areas of leadership and character.
- Step five: The NHS Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, will review Student Activity Information Forms, essays, and the faculty rating data. They will select as inductees, by a majority vote, those students who demonstrate that they meet all four standards.
- Step six: Students will be notified of their selection. The inductee, their parent(s)/guardian(s), family, and friends will be invited to an induction ceremony. Students must take part in the induction ceremony in order to become a member.