

Selection Process

National Honor Society Oakwood Chapter

The National Honor Society chapter of The Oakwood School 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 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the head of school, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year.

Students in the 11th or 12th grades are eligible for membership. For scholarship criterion, a student must have an average of 83% or higher in the core academic subjects—English, history, math, science and foreign language. 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 and service. A history of leadership experiences and at least 10 hours of participation in school or community service is also 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 service activities, character, and leadership. All information is carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, 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 four criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regularly attendance at chapter meetings during the school year and participation in the chapter service projects, and at least 10 hours of community service per year. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Jennifer Smith.