



## NHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Honor Society chapter of Central Catholic High 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, service, leadership, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each December.

Students in grades 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each fall 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. There is a minimum amount of activities required for the leadership and service criterion. A minimum of two leadership positions is required. Additionally, a minimum of four school activities and a minimum of two community activities are required. One year in an activity is equal to one activity (for example, two years in basketball equals two of the four school activities).

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. 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.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are 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 in early November. For the 2017-18 school year, candidates will be notified by November 6.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. This year the Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 3 starting at 3 p.m. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.