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The TIS Chapter of the National Honor Society Candidate Selection Process

The TIS chapter of the National Honor Society is a selective student organization (for students in grades 10-12) whose members demonstrate the highest standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service. A Faculty Council is charged with the responsibility of selecting those applicants who meet all the requirements necessary to be selected as National Honor Society members.

Following the guidelines in the National NHS Handbook, once the initial criterion of scholarship has been met, candidates must then be evaluated on the basis of the other three criteria: character, leadership and service. To be considered for membership in the TIS chapter, applicants must have an 85% average in the core academic areas for all semesters reviewed and no semester grade below 70%. Some of the criteria used in the selection process to evaluate the other areas required for membership include:

Involvement at TIS

- The degree of involvement and the nature of the activities are evaluated.
- Candidates must demonstrate active involvement at TIS.
- Activities should be varied, not just extensive involvement in one aspect of school life.
- Candidates should demonstrate that they are well-rounded.
- Leadership positions are important, but not required.

Community Service

- Service should not involve work for which the student was paid.
- Service activities should go beyond a student's personal hobbies and interests.
- Service activities should go beyond one's family and neighbors.
- The value of the contributions made will be weighed by the committee.
- An ongoing service commitment is more impressive than a single service initiative.

Good Character

- Good character refers especially to behaviors which impact the community in a positive way.
- Recommendations from faculty members are very important.
- Input may be gathered from individuals who are not members of the Faculty Council.
- Report card comments & info included in the student file may be used as evidence of character.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1: Write a letter to the NHS Faculty Council explaining why you would be a strong choice to join the TIS Chapter of the National Honor Society.
- Step 2: Gather evidence to support your application and to indicate your efforts/accomplishments in the areas of service, leadership, and school involvement.
- Step 3: Secure *at least* one letter of reference from a teacher which speaks directly to your positive character traits.
- Step 4: Submit all elements of your application to the Headmaster's Office by no later than the posted deadline.

SELECTION PROCESS

It is the job of the Faculty Council to weigh the evidence of leadership and service in school and community activities. A certain degree of subjectivity cannot be avoided in this process where the kinds of activities and the time commitments vary greatly.

Each individual Faculty Council member examines the paperwork for each candidate independently and makes an initial judgment on the candidate's selection status. The committee then comes together in a meeting to discuss candidate applications and make final selections. Selection is decided based on a majority vote of the committee--at least three votes in favor of admittance from the five members.

End of year grades will be considered and a new class of inductees will be named early in the school year. An induction ceremony will be held in the first weeks of September. All applicants will receive a letter documenting the decision taken by the Faculty Council with regard to their application. Applicants should keep in mind that the total number of NHS members, typically will not exceed 20% to 25% of the total enrollment for grades 10-12.

Applicants who are not selected for induction may appeal the decision of the Faculty Council to the Principal however it should be noted that appeals are only heard if there is clear evidence that the Faculty Council failed to follow the procedures required for candidate selection. The appeal process *does not* authorize the Principal to overturn a Faculty Council decision that was reached through proper process.

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